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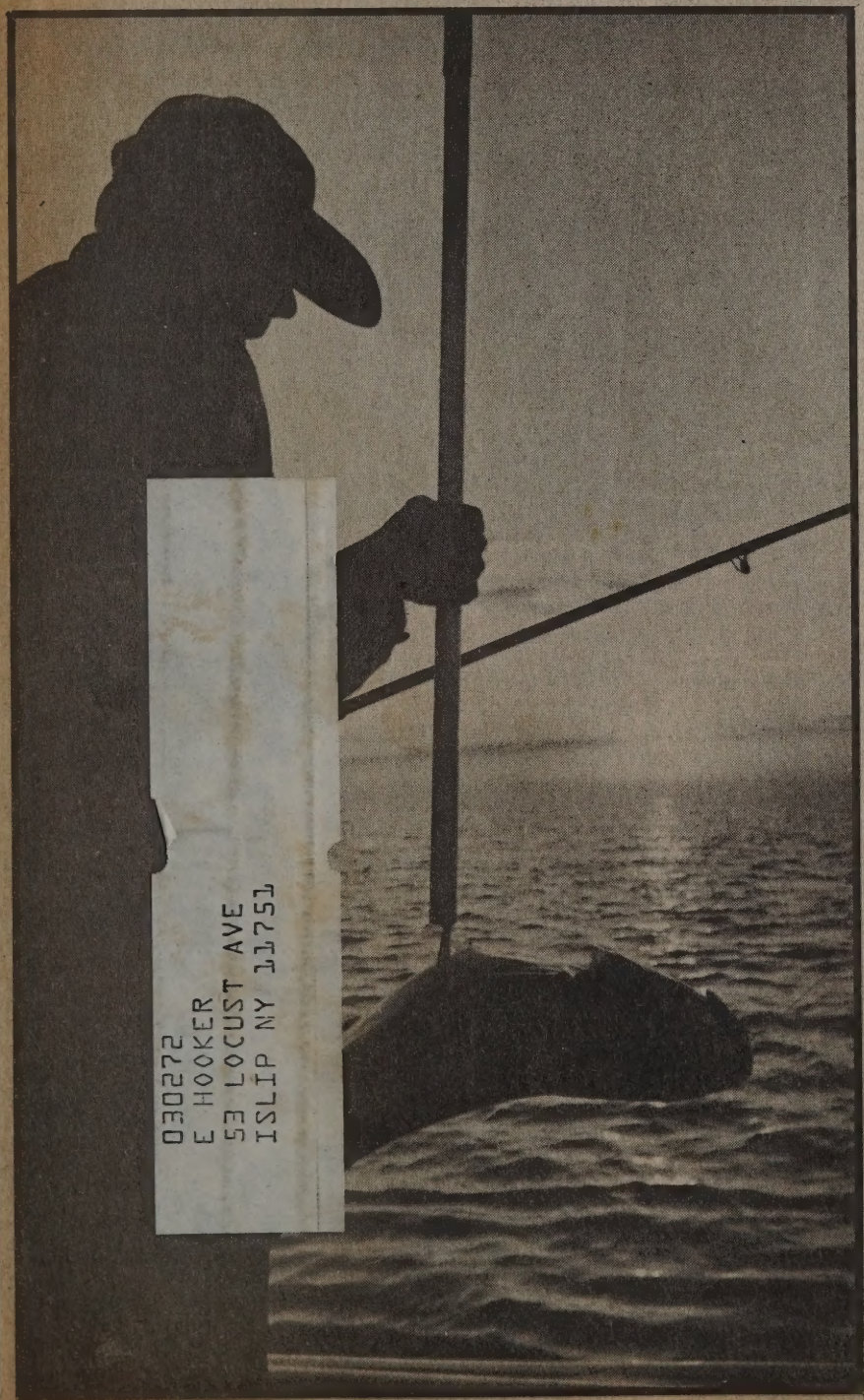

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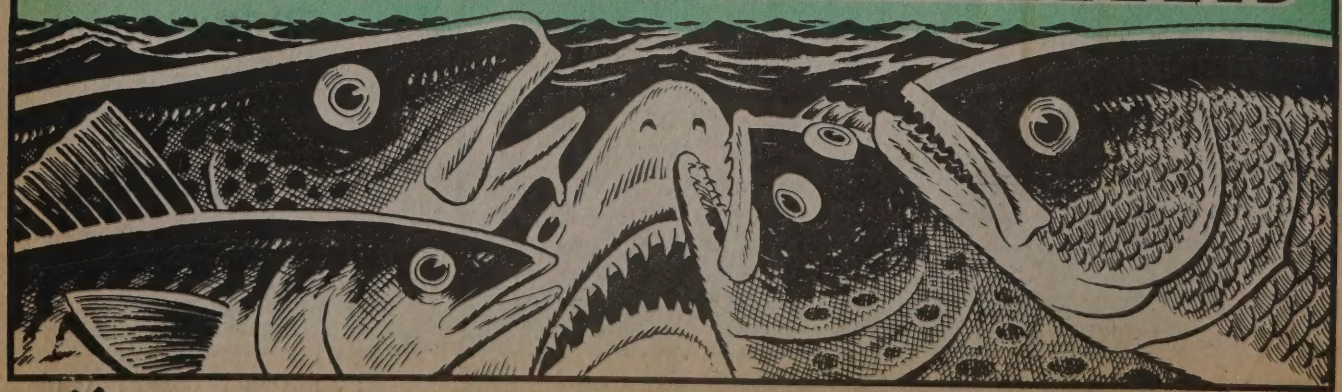

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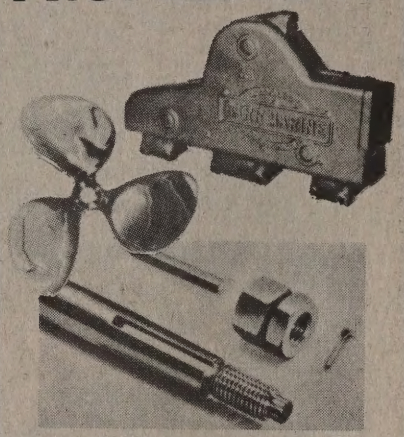

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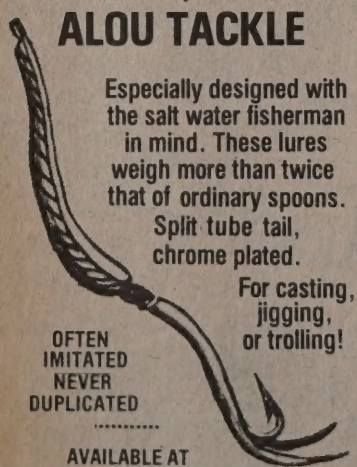

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On March 31, 1982, U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Griesa issued a decision which resulted in an injunction banning construction of the proposed Westway project. Judge Griesa ruled that the Army Corps of Engineers had not adequately considered the effect the project would have on the striped bass population of the Hudson River. These bass utilize the interpier area, which would be filled in by Westway, as an overwintering habitat while they are in the juvenile stage. Indeed, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service have both contended that this may be a critical habitat for Hudson River bass. These fish represent a major contribution to the Mid Atlantic striped bass fishery, which is worth in excess of $100 million annually.

In 1977, when the Corps prepared an environmental impact statement for Westway, evidence was available that the interpier area was important to the Hudson River Fishery. In spite of the objections of the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the EPA, the Corps failed to conduct their own investigation into this matter. Instead, the Corps accepted the report of LMS (Lawler, Matusky & Skelly), which was obviously misleading. Listen to what Judge Griesa says about the LMS study and the actions of the Army Corps of Engineers:

"However, it should be noted that some phases of the LMS report are misleading and represent rather obvious attempts to avoid the full impact of the facts revealed by the study. These facts were obviously unpalatable to LMS' employer, the Westway Project."

"The actions of the Division office following receipt of the LMS material can only be explained as resulting from an almost fixed predetermination to grant the Westway landfill permit."

"...The interpier area was shown to be a highly significant and productive habitat for fish, including striped bass. The proposed landfill would have the impact of destroying this habitat. The Corps was obligated under NEPA to publicly disclose this information and this impact in an environmental impact statement... It did not do so. Instead, it acquiesced in the urgings of the New York State DOT and the FHWA to withhold the information."

THE GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO PROTECT YOUR FISHERY. YOU MUST TAKE ACTION. An excellent opportunity exists for fishermen to make their voices heard. The Army Corps of Engineers has been ordered to re-evaluate all evidence related to fisheries matters, and to perform, or contract for additional studies if needed. The Corps is also required to produce a revised EIS, for which they have solicited public comment.

Sport fishermen in the N.Y. area MUST raise their voices in defense of the striped bass. I urge you, in the strongest terms possible, to write to the Corps and DEMAND the following:

1. That new studies be initiated to determine the relative importance of the interpier area to the striped bass fisheries of the Mid Atlantic Coast, and the Hudson River.

2. That if other overwintering areas for juvenile bass are discovered, proper studies be performed to determine whether or not the different areas are utilized by separate races of fish. At a time when striper populations are low, a loss of genetic diversity could be catastrophic.

3. That the Corps take into consideration the great economic and recreational value of the striped bass fishery of the Hudson River.

4. That the Corps execute its legal and moral obligations and deal with this issue in a forthright manner.

In order to ensure that the Corps give proper consideration to the possible impact of Westway on the striped bass, they must know that you care. If you can't take the time to write a letter of your own, send a copy of the sample letter shown here. Please note that all comments should be postmarked by June 28, however, send your letter even if it is late. REMEMBER, the future of the striped bass fishery is in your hands.

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SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to register my concern about the impact the proposed Westway Project will have on the striped bass fisheries of the Hudson River and Mid Atlantic Coast.

It is clear that new studies must be performed to determine the relative importance of the interpier area to the Hudson River populations of bass. Such studies must be performed with scientific objectivity, and should be evaluated in light of the great importance of striped bass as a major sport and commercial fish.

Sincerely,

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FISHING FOR FLUKE

It was a Saturday morning, my father and I woke up. Then I woke my mother up so she would make me lunch. I took the lunch and the reels. I said goodbye to my mother and my dog. I went outside with father to wait for his friend Paul to pick us up. When he came, we got bread, then we got the bait, and went for breakfast. Then we went to the boat. The name of the boat is the *Staci B. V.* My father started the engine and we were off! First we went for gas. Paul tied the boat to the dock at the gas dock. My father put the gas in the boat. Everybody chipped in to pay for the gas. Now we were out to fish. We went under a bridge, and I beeped the horn, beep! beep! it went beep! beep! On the way I talked with my grandfather. Soon we were there and everybody dropped their line. Then my grandfather caught a fluke. Then Paul, then me and then my father. The four fish caught were a good size. By now everyone caught more than one fish. Soon we had more than three dozen fish. On the way home I threw the bait into the air and sea gulls caught it. When we got back to the dock Paul and my father cleaned the fish and I cleaned the deck of the boat. It was one of the best fishing trips. I hope there will be another one like it. Written by *Mitchell Flachner, (8-years-old).*

Although it doesn't meet the criteria for a feature article, we here at The Fisherman felt the need for this piece to run somewhere in the magazine. The recollections of an 8-year-old's day on the water with dad and grandpa should ring bells with many of us as well as provide some insight into how valuable an experience it is for a youngster to be taken along on your next fishing trip. Fred Golofaro.

CAUTIONS ABOUT TRAILER HITCHES!

In re Small Vehicle Trailering: In considering a car trailer combination, do not rely on a Sears Roebuck catalog alone for hitch selection.

Your best bet is to talk to a hitch expert such as Bob at Nassau Campers, WES Trailer, etc. Aside from load distribution (via an equalizer hitch), you should have a sway control. *A. Greenspan, Outcast Anglers & member National Campers & Hikers Assn.*

The topic of buying and installing the right trailer hitch for the right job is never a simple matter. One of the first problems to be encountered is identifying the job. Another problem that needs looking at are special requirements of your load; i.e., surge brakes. I would neither buy from a catalog nor do the job myself without expert advice. Sometimes a friend or relative is expert on this matter or that and then it is possible to buy what you need (either catalog or store front) and install the hitch. Yet, in such cases the problems are understood and the equipment identified by someone with expertise. If you don't know someone, then you can go to a store (be it Sears or one of the others you have mentioned) and ask for help. Stores will be happy to help you because if they give you the right hitch for the right job they'll make a sale and you'll tell others how happy you were with their service. Regardless of where you buy the hitch get expert advice on what you need before you buy it and install it. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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"It is our feeling that more and more fishermen are learning to use the visibility of Clear/Blue and Golden Stren to become 'line-watchers' and enhance their fishing skill," Dr. Cogdell said. "There's ample evidence of this, including the increasing position of 'Stren' as the market leader in fishing line sales, as well as the dozens of new records and trophy fish caught every year on Stren.

"For example, in the 1981 Sports Afield magazine trophy fish awards announced just a few weeks ago, four times as many trophy fish were caught on Stren as the number two line. The report from Sports Afield virtually duplicated its report for 1980 trophy fish, in which Stren led the number two line by four to one.

"Nevertheless, we recognize that a portion of the market remains committed to a low visibility fishing line. It is for that market that Du Pont is making Clear Stren," he said.

Du Pont will introduce the Clear Stren at the national fishing tackle industry exhibition in Las Vegas, Aug. 5-8. It should be on tackle retailers' shelves by late fall.

Du Pont has been test marketing the new Clear Stren for several months, notably in southern California, the Texas Gulf Coast, Florida, and the Great Lakes. It already has produced a number of newsworthy catches, including a 320 lb. striped marlin caught on 20 lb. tes tline last Oct. 20 by Susan McCarty of San Diego. That catch was only 20 lbs. shy of the line class world record. Some other major catches on Clear Stren have included a 75 lb. bluefin tuna, landed on 25 lb. test by Irv Grisbeck, who skippers the Sundown out of San Diego, and a 36 lb. white sea bass landed on 20 lb. test line at Catalina by Dave Radar of Los Angeles.

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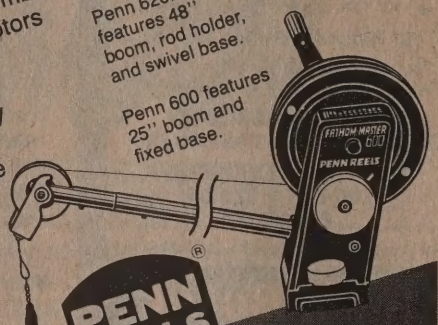

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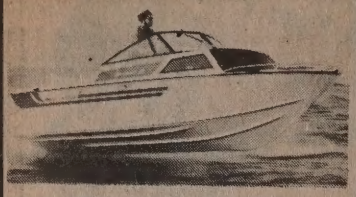

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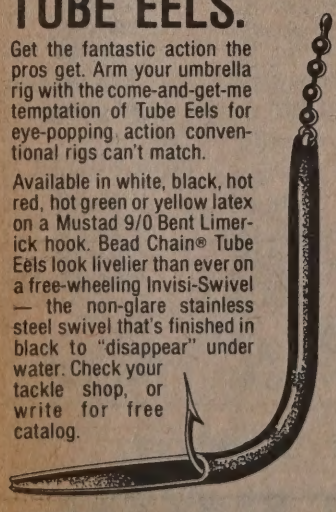

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the Captree Drawbridge and Oak Island. A total of nine weakfish were taken: six by High Hill and three by Gateway. The weigh-in was held at The Store, with plenty of coffee and doughnuts afterwards.

Both clubs wish to thank all those who participated. From High Hill: Steve Saldene, Tom Ryall, Joe Vetrano, Clyde Jones, Dave Karikas, Mike Greico, Tom Fitzsimmons, Rich Hummmell, Bob Buss, Bob Rance, Jeff Leventhal, Bob Vildig, Stuart Butterman, Jose Trillos, Mike Schumacher, and Bill Greene.

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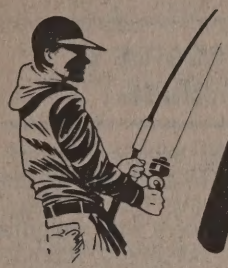

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CURE FOR SUMMER BLUES

by Andy Regina

Western Long Island Sound plays host to scores of boatmen looking to beat those "summer blues."

Leaping clear of the water in an attempt to escape the alien sting, the blue rattled its gill covers in an effort to shake free before it fell back into the water with a loud splash. After several additional airborne attempts failed to gain the fish its freedom, it sulked in the depths, struggling with strong runs that stripped additional line against a grudging drag.

It was this seemingly passive resistance that finally did the valiant fish in. Combined with the killing flex of the rod, the drag slowly taxed the fish's strength, allowing it to wear itself out against its own energy and finally causing the fish to surface alongside the boat, a beaten hulk. It finned feebly before it was gaffed and dumped unceremoniously into a fish-box, where it beat out its protest in a final tattoo, drumming the once proud tail against plywood.

The above scene is replayed every summer. The stage is western Long Island Sound and the setting is anywhere in the vicinity of City Island, that Bronx mecca of all things piscatorial. Located in the pocket forming the extreme western boundary of the Sound, City Island hosts party boats, charter boats, rental boats, and hundreds of private boats, all carrying hundreds of anglers on a daily search and destroy mission for a fish that has become highly prized for its food value as well as for its fighting qualities.

Party boats sail on a daily basis, usually accompanied by a retinue of private boats. Relying on the big boys to locate fish on their sophisticated electronic equipment, the small boats stick close and rely on their success whenever party boats score. Stopping over a school of blues, diamond jigs are dropped to the bottom and retrieved furiously, creating an illusion of escaping sand eels and often resulting in fast and furious fishing. This is a continuous process: locate a school of blues, jig for 'em till they move on, then relocate them and start jigging all over again.

Though this can be a productive method, it can become quite hectic, with many boats competing for the same body of fish. The ensuing traffic jams result in crowded quarters and some expert boat maneuvering is often required to avoid accidents, either from other boats or close-flying jigs. The close calls resulting from this chaos create some impossible tangles and some inflated blood pressure, and though the fishing can be great at times, it's just not our cup of tea.

A less hectic method of bluefishing is trolling, and scores of anglers probe the depths with wire line and umbrella rigs, or single tubes, in their search for **Pomatomus salatrix**. Even trolling holds no great appeal for us; usually the fish are overmatched with tackle better suited for larger game, and sitting and watching holstered rods streaming line into hypnotic wakes usually lulls us to sleep. If fish are struck, the boat almost always continues running, either in deference to additional lines streaming aft or other boats in the same trolling pattern, making any fight a heave and haul affair, which, to us, further detracts from this method.

In all fairness, it must be stated that in most cases the tackle used must be necessarily heavy, and that wire line is needed to reach productive depths most easily. Perhaps if the boat were stopped to permit sportier battle, I'd like it better; but if you have fun as it is then continue doing so, I will not argue. We all march to difference drumbeats, and our kicks differ; we believe that fishing should be fun, and that's the name of the game. We never run with the pack, and seek our fish more casually, employing bait such as moss bunker (menhaden) to catch our bluefish.

The Sound holds many baitfish, either migrants such as herring or mackerel that pass through, or resident bait such as sand eels and bunker. These baitfish are followed closely behind by the predators, the stripers, weakfish, and bluefish that make up our sport fishery; enticed into the Sound by the migratory baitfish, these game fish remain the rest of the season, feeding on resident bait.

To obtain fresh bunker for bait we must first locate a school; usually seeking the shelter of bays each night, game fish reap grim harvests each morning as the bait returns to the imagined safety of the open Sound. Spotting surfaced bunker, we glide in as closely as possible without sounding them, snagging unwilling volunteers with weighted treble-hook jigs retrieved through the dense schools with prodigious jerks of the rod. Bait not sorely wounded is kept alive in aerated pails; mortally wounded bait is put aside for use as cut bait.

Usually, fishing cut bait is synonymous with chumming, which can be an extremely productive method of catching bluefish. Chum is merely an appetizer that whets fish appetites for more substantial fare—hopefully, the bait on your hook. We use ground bunker, purchased in five gallon tins, and dilute it with sea water in a large pail until it attains the consistency of thin soup. At our selected spot, usually over a deep reef or on the edge of a channel or dropoff, we cut the engine and start to drift, doling the pungent chum over the updrift side, which produces a slick on the down-drift side as we glide over. It is in this chum slick that we present our hooks, baited with cut chunks of bunker.

A large O'Shaughnessy hook (6/0-8/0) is tied to a wire leader, which, in turn, is tied to the end of your line; tie the wire to the hook with a haywire twist and the line to the wire with an improved clinch knot. Rated at about 90% of line test, we have yet to experience this knot pulling loose or breaking at the union. A chunk or steak of bunker is affixed to the hook, the barb and point of which should pass completely through the bait and remain exposed for better hooking insurance. This is stripped from a free-spooled reel and allowed to drift out with the chum, which should be dispensed at a steady rate. Once the last bit of chum disappears from sight, a fresh ladleful should be chucked overboard, to keep the chum slick intact; to do otherwise would cause a break in the slick, causing bluefish to lose interest. The bait should drift out with the chum to entice any fish attracted into the slick; if you let out too much line without success, reel in slowly and repeat the process again.

Even without chum, cut bait works well, especially at night; simply

anchor in the same places you would normally fish in daylight and drift your bait into the tide or current, feeding line as needed. Quite often the larger bluefish are caught at night, and fresh-cut bunker catches 'em.

Live bunker has an appeal that few bluefish can resist, so we prefer to use whole live bunker whenever possible. Impaling live bunker through the back under the dorsal fin, but not so deep as to damage the spinal column, which would kill them, we use the same hooks and wire leader mentioned above. The use of such staunch leader is mandatory because of the sharp teeth of bluefish that can easily slice through any monofilament; though unnecessary for bass or weakfish, where wire can even scare off these cautious fish, the aggressive bluefish with its razor teeth is not leader shy.

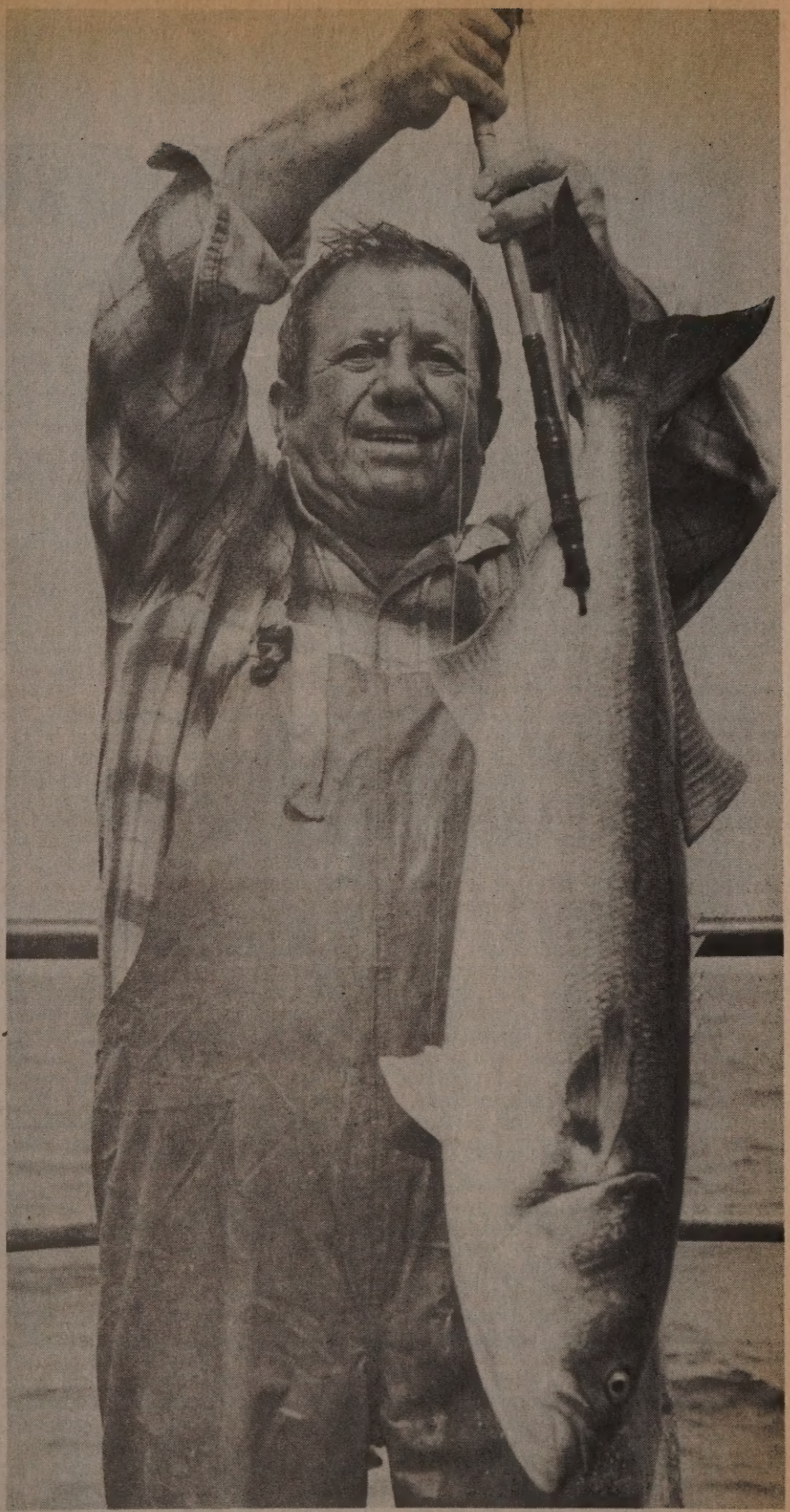
Proper hook placement is important; too deep and you may injure or kill the bait and too shallow might cause the hook to tear out easily, resulting in a lost bait or a lost bluefish. If any particular depth is required you can get that bunker to stay up on top by placing the hook in the forward part of the dorsal fin; place the hook to the rear of the dorsal and your bunker will make like a submarine, swimming to the very bottom, where quite often the lunkers lie patiently in wait. Intermediate depths can be fished by placing the hook in the center of the dorsal; front of center for higher levels, and back of center for lower levels.

Lobbing the bait gently into the water to not stun it, line is hand-stripped off a free-spooled reel, allowing the bunker to swim freely. Imminent bluefish attacks are transmitted to you through that free-flowing line as you feel the bunker swimming frantically below; direct hits are registered to your fingertips by the line suddenly flying off the spool at a great velocity. Here great restraint must be practiced, for should you strike too soon you may very well yank the bait out of the bluefish's mouth, or at least create an unnatural weight that may cause the fish to drop the bait in alarm.

What you should do is let the fish run with the bait, taking drag-free line until it pauses momentarily, presumably to swallow the bait, while your neck hackle rises and sweat beads your brow. At this precise moment, engage the reel and set the hook all in one fell swoop, with a firm yank of the rod tip to emphasize the point (no pun intended!).

Get a good grip on your tackle and prepare to do battle with a fish that doesn't know when to quit. He'll jump, dive, shake, rattle, and roll, before settling down to one of the strongest underwater battles you will ever experience. If the hook holds, and all knots hold, and if the drag is set properly, and if you fight a good fight—reeling in only when the fish pauses, and allowing it to burn itself out against the drag when it runs—then you may possibly beat this bundle of blue dynamite. Provided, that is, that the fish doesn't obtain its freedom with a last-minute plunge under the boat as you prepare to land it!

Enjoy the battle and take pride in the victory, but under no circumstance allow your fingers within range of those vicious teeth, set in jaws powerful enough to bite through mere mortal flesh. This predator has been well endowed by nature for its grisly work, and has respectfully earned its title of "Mini-jaws."



Bigger choppers are the rule when fishing whole bunker.

GEAR UP FOR SHAGWONG WEAKS

by John Fritz

Long Island surfmen can usually count on a good showing of weaks along Montauk's north side by the time July rolls around.

Even though Montauk Point is by far the most consistent producer of surf caught game fish on Long Island, there are many area surfmen who refuse to try their skills along these beaches. For every surfman who dislikes Montauk, there is another who feels strongly that this is the only place to fish the surf. Unfortunately, the ranks of those who love Montauk are so swelled that overcrowding is the major complaint of those who stay away. On the other hand, Montauk regulars and knowledgeable "tourists," as Johnny K refers to us west end visitors, realize that Montauk has several seasons and various types of beaches when one desires to fish the surf. One of the most pleasant and rewarding phases of Montauk surfcasting takes place during the early weeks of summer along a sandy shore line that is washed by the more gentle waters of Block Island Sound. The beaches from Gin Beach, east through Shagwong Point, past the Oyster Pond and Rocky Point to Clark's Cove offer some of the finest plug casting to be found on Long Island. They provide some fine striped bass fishing, after which a strong showing of weakfish begins to take shape. While certain areas are favored by the regulars working this beach, it is a misconception to think that all of the best fishing takes place along the shore adjacent to Shagwong Point itself. Good weakfishing can be found in many places along this stretch of waterfront; therefore this is not an area which can only be fished by Suffolk County residents with a Beach Buggy Permit.

Since most of this area is encompassed in a Suffolk County Park, residency in the County is required in order to drive the beach. Non-residents and those who do not own a four wheel drive vehicle can gain access to some prime fishing areas on either end of this shore line where they will be limited only by their desire and stamina. The western border, known as Gin Beach, can be reached by taking East Lake Drive to the end where it terminates in a Town Parking lot. From here the angler can work all of Gin Beach east towards Shagwong and the area known as the Cattle Fence.

Hopeful anglers, entering the area from the east, can leave their vehicle in the parking lot near the Lighthouse. After taking the back trail towards North Bar they can work their way in from Clark's Cove through the area known as Rocky Point to Split Rock and the Oyster Pond. State Buggy Permits will allow passage along this shore line, but this depends on the condition of the beach after the winter storms. This area is littered with many large boulders and the buggy track through here is often impassable, especially during times of high water. It is wise to reconnoiter this shore in the daylight before attempting a night passage with a buggy for the narrow track winds its way among the rocks leaving little room for error.

As a general rule the weakfish begin to cooperate after the sun has fallen below the western horizon. As darkness descends over the shore, surfmen who have leisurely prepared their equipment begin to move towards the water's edge. Unfortunately there are, on occasion, others who are interested in these same schools of weakfish and when their work is finished little can be salvaged for a night's fishing for the haul seiners have taken their toll and scattered the survivors. When haul seiners are found poised at the water's edge it is best to get as much fishing in as possible before the net is set, for afterwards few fish will be taken from that area. Once the netters have begun their work it is advisable to pack up and move to a new area.

Although the netters are, in all likelihood, staked out in prime locations they are restricted to areas free of rocks which leaves two excellent sections of the beach for the surfcasters to fish without harassment. The first and foremost is the few hundred yards of beach just west of Shagwong Point. The other is the entire area from the Oyster Pond to Rocky Point. In the latter area tide is not as important as when fishing the Point and the beach to the west, it is here that the outgoing current is preferred.

One technique practiced by Shagwong regulars is to begin fishing the westernmost point of rocks as the tide begins its outward flow. Work this rocky shore towards the Point, which would be to the right or east. After carefully working each rip and eddy until the opposite end is reached, take a break and start over again at the beginning on the last few hours of the ebb. On the second attempt, try to wade into the water as far as possible so that the plug is working the outer edge of this rock formation. As stated this is one of the preferred sections of Shagwong and by working it in this manner the angler is assured of an excellent chance of success.

The main point of Shagwong is comprised of a large shifting sand bar surrounded by sandy flats to the right and a fair sized cove to the west. Because of its ever-changing nature it is difficult to describe exactly how the Point should be fished. During the periods when the formation of the bar causes the outgoing rip to make up within casting distance this becomes a favorite spot to plug. Knowledgeable surfmen will carefully push their way out onto the bar in an effort at reaching the outer portions of the rip. This can be a dangerous undertaking when it is attempted without regard for weather conditions, tidal flow or suitable clothing. One person, at the very least, has been washed off this bar and although he made it to safety, Lady Luck was definitely on his side that night. The depth of the water surging over this bar is relatively shallow which produces two potentially hazardous conditions. First of all because the force of the water will be exceedingly strong, any angler losing his balance will find it difficult to regain his footing. Also, the mixed blessing of finding a slowly declining bar will lull some anglers into wading a long distance from shore. Since the bar seldom develops in a straight line from the shore the return trip, on foggy nights especially, can be very tricky. A wet suit is ideal for wading this bar, but anglers wearing waders should be equipped with a top and a tightly cinched belt.

The portion of beach from the Point to the Oyster Pond seldom draws much attention from anglers seeking weakfish for this area is comprised of open sandy bottom and receives minimal effects from the tidal cur-

rente. The area on the opposite side of the Point from the western edge of the rocks all the way to the jetty receives a great amount of interest. The two, almost indiscernible, points of land on either side of the bathing area, generally known as the Cattle Fence, is an ideal place to begin a night's fishing. Further west, the shore line where the buggy track enters the beach is considered by many to be a likely spot also, while the waters forming the east pocket of the inlet jetty is preferred by another segment of the regular surf fishing clan.

It is apparent that this is an extensive area, too large to cover thoroughly in one night's fishing. Even though many surfmen skip from one area to another in hopes of locating a school of fish an equal number of anglers will be content to remain in one place and work the entire tide.

The surf along this shore line is usually much less severe than that encountered when fishing "up front" or along the south side ocean beaches. Because of the subdued nature of the region many anglers prefer to use ultra-light tackle, preferring to enjoy greater sport than placing a substantial number of fish in the box. With the summertime winds generally prevailing from the southwest, 3" or 4" swimming plugs can be cast with ease. While one-handed sticks or even fly rods are in use here, the majority of the surfmen working this area favor 8' or 9' sticks equipped with a reel in the class of the Penn 710. This outfit coupled with 10 lb. test line will permit the use of a greater variety of lures. Those holding the opposite view employ 10' and 11' foot surf sticks, desiring to reach the deeper waters off the beach with heavier plugs.

Lures used by those seeking weakfish range from quarter ounce Rebel type plugs to 2½ oz. Gibbs darters. It is obvious that the weight of the lures one selects will determine the class of tackle which can be used. Generally speaking the darters are used only in the stronger currents found off the Point itself with the sinking plugs tried when fishing in areas of sand or gravel. Floating swimmers from 3½" to 7" are the basic plugs when casting among the rocks. Add to this already large selection, eel worms, bucktail, MirrOlures, metal lipped swimmers and weighted RedFins and one can readily see that a large choice of lures is necessary. Not all lures will produce on every occasion but on certain nights one particular lure will out-produce all others; therefore, it is wise to carry as varied a selection as possible, including, of course, several teasers.

Surf fishing in the Montauk area is a many faceted experience and the Shagwong shore line is but a small part. Those who dislike the crowds or the ankle-busting rocks "up front" will find the tempered northern shore of the Point ideal, for few of these difficulties are encountered, but excellent fishing is.

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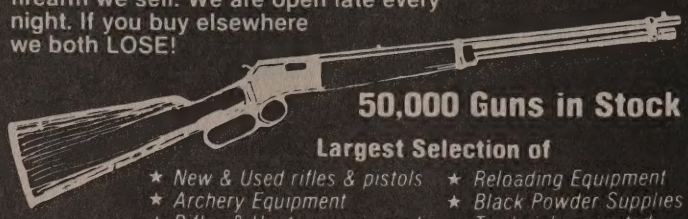

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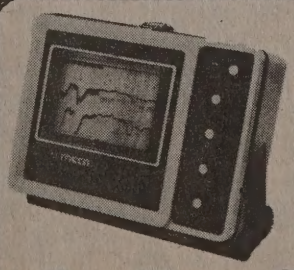

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THE UNSUNG HEROES

by Capt. Zac Grossman

Whether or not your charter is a pleasant one is often dictated by that person who spends most of his or her time in the cockpit with you.

Finally the long awaited moment has arrived and all that daydreaming is in the past to be replaced by the reality of standing on the dock handing down your gear to the mate. The engines are warming up as are those of other boats up and down the dock. The very air is charged with excitement.

Right away the mate begins asking you and your friends questions, trying to size up the party, looking for those who will need some help. On the way out he explains the techniques to be used and demonstrates use of the tackle preparing you for the hectic moments that occur during the fighting and landing of a big fish.

The mate starts rigging the baits and in-between fielding the many questions this activity generates, he finds the time to spin a few yarns. These are often designed to make some point, even if a little exaggeration is necessary.

Suddenly the engines are winding down and it's time to start fishing. It's hard to believe two hours have passed so quickly. The baits go over and the captain and mate prepare for action and help pass the time until the fish show up. And then it comes. A huge fish hits, and the battle begins. The mate slips a harness on the angler and the captain maneuvers the boat to keep the angler in proper position for the fight. Finally the fish is brought alongside and a well rehearsed drill takes place as the fish is wired, gaffed, and tail-roped amidst flying spray and wild thrashings.

Finally it's over and congratulations and a beer are showered on the jubilant angler. Pictures are taken and things start to calm down as the mate and captain put the baits out again. By afternoon the scene has been played again and again and the peaceful ride home is punctuated by frequent visits to the gin pole by the charter party to inspect—no, make that fondle—the catch.

Back at the dock the guy who organized the trip slips a well deserved tip into the back pocket of the mate whose hands are now all soapy as he cleans the boat. Goodbyes are said and as the party pulls out of the parking lot, the mate turns to the captain and says "what a great day; I wish all your customers were like

A good mate is always ready to lend a hand.

that." In the car one member of the party turns to the guy who set up the trip and says "What a great day. This sure makes up for last year's trip and that grouchy mate."

The mate is a very important person to both the fishing party and the captain. He spends roughly ten hours in the cockpit tending to the charter party, the baits, and the equipment. A good mate is an important factor in generating repeat business but he can't do it alone; there are other factors, too. A perfect trip is composed of good companionship, the proper attitude, good weather and fish. If the fish and weather don't completely cooperate the results aren't nearly as bad as if the first two items go sour. Let me illustrate by telling a few stories.

We had a party one day, all gung ho on shark fishing. One member had even read a couple of books on the subject, but all were novices. The weather was perfect and on the way out we prepared them for the battle soon to come. We enjoy training novices. Unfortunately, it was one of those days when the fish were either taking in a movie or down at the local gin mill discussing the latest tackle advances. Hours went by without a pickup and even Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner on the stereo couldn't dispel the depression that loomed over most of the party. Try as we might only one member of the party remained interested. Others dozed off and one contented himself with yelling at his wife for getting seasick and "ruining" his day. Every time we needed more bait or another can of chum the mate would walk this lady to the bow so she wouldn't be further sickened by the smell. It certainly wasn't appreciated by Hubby, who continued to mutter.

On the way out I always make it a point to mention that it sometimes takes hours before the first fish shows. In this way on those rare occasions when it holds true, the party has been prepared and when the fish arrive in half an hour, as is more often the case, they are pleasantly surprised.

Well, the trip described continued to go downhill. Finally a lone blue shark decided to commit suicide for the youngest member aboard. Back at the dock, the kid's father gave the mate a tip appropriate for their share of the party. The three others headed for their car where I quickly intercepted them. When I asked what the mate had done to warrant not getting a tip, the reply was "He didn't work very hard; we only caught one fish." To this I replied, "If you're not satisfied you should call another Captain next time; maybe someone else will give you the guarantee you apparently want. In case you didn't notice, the mate spent the entire day either tending the baits or trying to make your wife more comfortable." This diatribe got the sport to part with a few more bucks. When I brought the tip over to the mate he frowned and complained

The big moment for any mate, amidst the crowd at weigh-in time.

The skill of a mate is demonstrated when wiring a large game fish to the boat.

that the worst part was sitting between some members of the party when they were passing food and drink back and forth without even offering him a jelly doughnut. He got in his car and started to leave before finishing the boat. I asked him where he was going. "I've got to get to town before the IGA closes; I must buy a box of jelly doughnuts. I've been eyeing them all day."

It's fact of fishing that some days are worse than others. After all, we're fishermen, not farmers; we're trying to harvest a moving crop. Many charter parties are composed of novices. Though they have the desire to go out fishing and many of them want to learn everything about the sport, they often don't have much experience. With experience comes an understanding of the sea and the sport. Experienced anglers realize that those fair days actually make the good ones so much more enjoyable. Knowing that you don't get a mako every trip makes the one on the gin pole that much more satisfying.

It's important for a mate to use that time between fish wisely. The more he blends in with the party the more they will enjoy the trip. If he can get them involved in rigging the baits, stowing lines, sharpening hooks they will remember the trip longer. Teaching a novice to tie a blood knot can be the factor that brings him back. I try to get my more experienced customers deeply involved. Some of them handle the chum, rig the baits, set out the lines, etc. I let them do everything short of wiring a big fish and they appreciate it. It's like owning a boat of their own for a day rather than being on a ferry. The mate gets a very light day out of it and a very hefty tip for having taught them what to do in the past.

Keeping a good mate, one who is conscientious, punctual, and skilled depends greatly on the boat's ability to draw charters and on the captain's willingness to remind customers to take good care of the mate. It's another fact of fishing that some people just don't realize what tipping the mate is all about. Let me illustrate with another story.

I remember a day when the party had gone around a couple of times on school tuna and we had a mako hanging on the gin pole, all this coupled with a beautiful Labor Day weekend. Back at the dock, the mate signaled me that he hadn't received a tip. I headed for the parking lot and approached the guy who had set up the charter, a very pleasant and easy going guy. "I'd appreciate it if you would tell me what the mate did to turn you guys off." His eyebrows knit together in a puzzled look and he said "What do you mean? He was great. He treated us like close friends rather than customers." "Well, if you call for a charter next season I'll have to find another mate for the day. After not getting a tip he'll surely turn around and go home if he recognizes your party."

The guy turned red with embarrassment. Obviously the excitement at dockside and the euphoria connected with the thrill of having a crowd gather around at the scales had driven all else from his mind. A sizeable tip was placed in my hand as he said "Please give him this and tell him we had a great time." "Why don't you go tell him; he loves to hear it." With this he went over to the cleaning table where the mate was still cleaning a fish they had left for us and avoiding the mate's bloody hands, slipped the tip into his pocket. Then he squished his hand into the mate's and shook it mightily.

Now that incident convinced me that there must be a better way to inform the party beforehand about the care and feeding of a mate. After all when a waitress spends all of five minutes total at a table between handing out menus, taking orders, delivering them, and cleaning up she gets about 15% of the check. The mate on a charter boat spends ten or so hours catering to a small group who he relies on just the way the waitress relies on many, many groups. The difference being that if she gets a poor tip from one table, another one will make up for it, not so with the mate. He's tied to one party for the day.

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They were caught. Whether they had the money or not they had no choice now but to part with the steaks. As it turned out they were a one time shot, never called again. The mate, however, was assured of his importance to me. A minute later I had a Pina Colada thrust into my hand and we drank to the argument that we assumed must be going on in that car as it pulled out of the lot. Let me close this with my favorite mate/tip story. On occasion I've taken special charters where the price was much reduced but the fish belonged to me. Sometimes it paid and sometimes it didn't, but the favor was appreciated.

Anyway it was one of those charters and it turned out to be a phenomenal day. We returned to port with three makos hanging. I told Jimmy, the mate, to cut some steaks for the party. He cut and bagged some steaks from the smallest fish, a 50 lber. I was further down the dock talking with some friends in front of West Lake's bar when a loud thump attracted our attention. There was Jimmy holding onto the tail of what was left of that fish, minus about 25 lbs. for the missing steaks and the head. He had obviously just slammed it down on the dock with great force and was now kneeling down cutting steaks. Later I heard the whole story. Apparently the party had left with their fish and failed to leave a tip. Here was Jimmy hunched over the remainder of the fish, fuming about the fact that the party had even gotten a hefty discount on the charter. Now to add insult to injury, one of them had returned to ask for some more steaks. He saw red and realizing that the fish below him was now perfectly shaped like a club he figured he could quickly swing around and "accidentally" hit a home run with this bloody little baseball bat. But as his swing accelerated he felt the guy stuffing a bunch of bills into his pocket. It was too late to check his swing so he redirected the motion and continued with his follow-through slamming the fish into the ground next to the customer and nearly falling over in the process, he looked up, smiled, and said "Sure, how much do you want?"

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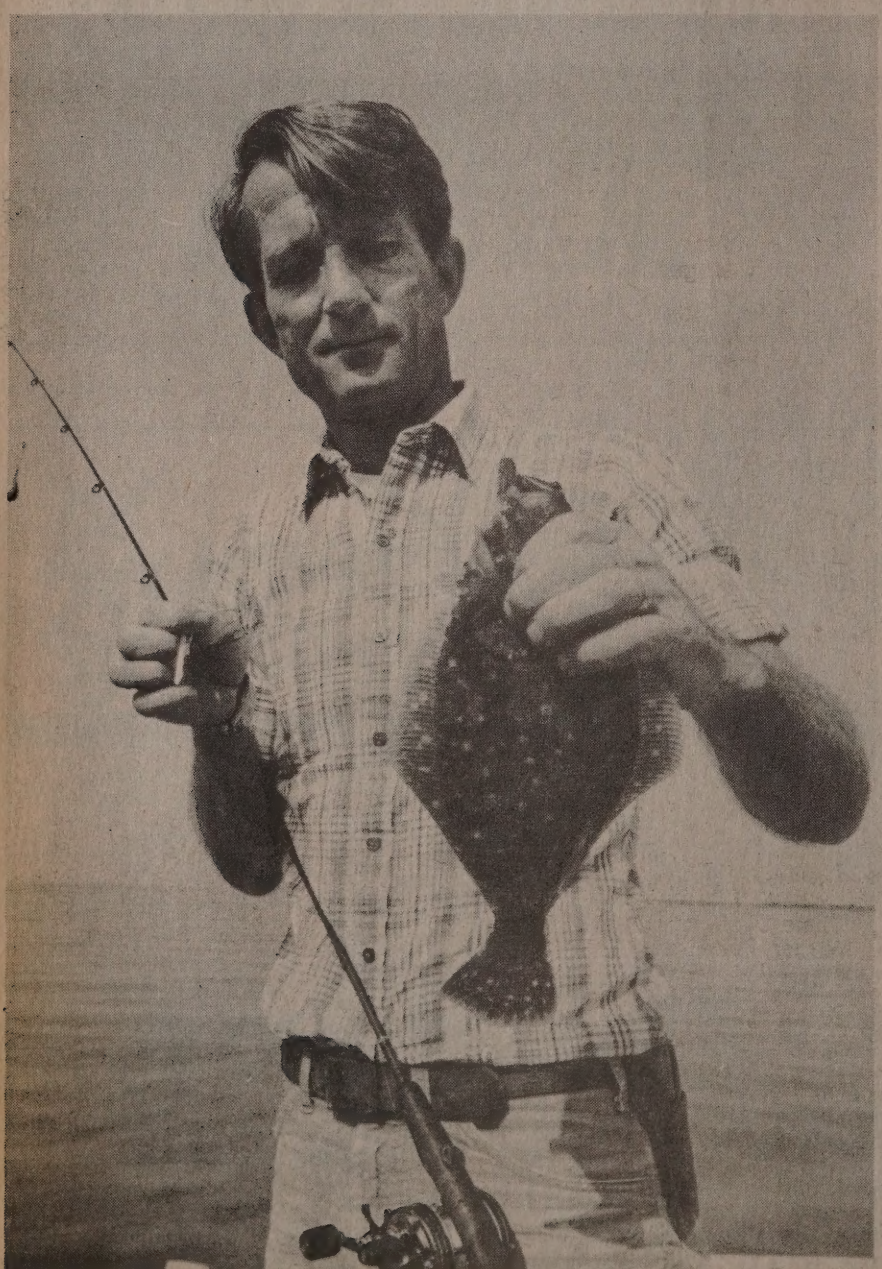
LOOK NORTH FOR FLUKE

by Gerald Hahn

Once totally lacking of a fluke fishery, Long Island Sound is now blessed with fluking typical of south shore action. Some even think it's better!

For many years, fluke fishing was almost exclusively a south shore affair. In June, vast schools of fluke, migrating from the ocean, would move through the southern inlets and set up residences for the summer in the shallow bays. Delighting small boat and party boat anglers alike, fluke were consistently large and abundant, with an average catch consisting of 20 fluke in the 20'' class, including a few doormats. Meanwhile, fluke fishing on the north shore was hardly worth mentioning.

But, then, patterns began to change. At first there seemed to be fewer fluke on the south side and a shorter peak season, as well. Then innumerable shorts—fish under 14''—took hold, promising excellent year classes, which have yet to be realized. At the same time, however, fluke found their way into Long Island Sound. Although only a few fish were taken at first, in recent years, fluke fishing has often been better on the north shore than on the south shore.



The development of Long Island Sound's fluke fishing has pleased many north shore anglers.

Fishing for fluke on the north shore is similar to fishing for them on the south shore. Methods and rigs are nearly identical, although tackle is slightly heavier on the north side because the currents are stronger, the water deeper, and the bottom structure more diversified. An 8' medium action spinning rod with a matching reel and 15 lb. test is better suited to the Sound than is the 7' light action rod and 10 lb. test commonly used in the south shore bays. Whereas sinkers in the south are generally no more than an ounce, in the Sound they vary from 2-5 oz. In fact, many fishermen on the north shore prefer conventional tackle.

Aside from this, baits and rigs are essentially the same. Squid strips combined with sand eels, spearing or killies, are common to both shores, as are strips cut from a fluke or flounder. Moreover, live lining snappers is put to use on both shores, and lures may be more effective on the Sound than in the shallow bay waters.

A fluke rig begins with a 4' leader of 30 lb. test, tied to the main line with two improved clinch knots on a 3-way swivel. An end loop below takes care of a bank sinker, and about 3'' above, a dropper loop connects the bottom hook, a 2/0 Beak, Claw, or Carlisle on a 3' leader of 30 lb. test. A similar top hook goes through the remaining eye of the swivel. Although two hooks are used, most fluke will hit the bottom hook. Sand eels or spearing are first thawed out, and then impaled through the eyes or through the mouth and out the gills, and again near the tail. Long-shanked Carlisles are probably the best hooks for frozen baits, although some fishermen prefer two short shank Beaks or Claws in tandem. A squid strip cut into a pennant shape, about 3'' long by 1/2'' wide at one end and tapered to a point at the other, is added to the baitfish, hooking it once through the wide end. The white fleshed squid adds movement and increases visibility. Fish strip baits, with their skin intact, are cut into similar shapes and used the same way. Killies,

however, those plump green baitfish, are fished live and kept in this state in a floating bait box. Live killies are rigged through the eyes, lips, or tail, with or without a squid strip, their frantic movement providing an added feature. Generally, fishermen put the squid on first when rigging live bait and last when rigging frozen bait. Should the fluke strike live killies short—nipping off their tails—it is better to rig them like dead baits. Sandworms or clams occasionally draw responses from fluke, as well.

Some anglers find that fluke rigs adorned with red beads and flashing blades provide greater visibility and action than unadorned rigs. Sometimes spinners catch the most fish; other times they catch the most seaweed. If the fishing is slow, the fluke cagey, a single hook rig with as little hardware as possible, is your best bet.

When snappers are in, a light rod and 6-8 lb. test should be brought along. Add a small metal lure, and catch one. Then impale it immediately on your fluke rig, in the same manner as a live killie. Despite the larger size of a lively snapper, even small fluke can engulf them. And the chances of hooking a doormat are increased, as well.

Artificials are highly effective on north side fluke, too especially when tipped with a piece of sand worm or a strip of squid. Bucktails, metal jigs, soft plastic leadhead jigs, under an ounce, should be tied directly to the line with an improved clinch knot and bounced along the bottom.

As in the south shore bays, the best method to catch fluke on the Sound is by drifting. In the shallow bays, the dropoffs into channels are the most productive spots to fish, as are the sand flats, in depths generally ranging from 3'-12'. On Long Island Sound, however, the angler may find himself a stranger looking for comparable spots in the 20' depths. Nonetheless, similar ledges and dropoffs occur within a few hundred yards of shore, and most drifts will inevitably take you across them. For as difficult as this may seem for the fisherman accustomed to seeing the bottom, most drifts on the Sound are neither strictly to the east nor to the west. In fact, they also move toward shore or away from shore. Drifts on the incoming tide are usually to the southwest; that is, toward shore; on the outgoing tide, they head northeast, away from shore. Of course, variable winds can upset this, but generally they do not. Consequently, drifts should be planned accordingly, so that dropoffs are traversed, since this is where most fluke reside. Most of the action on the Sound is more strictly limited to the period around a tidal change, from an hour or two before either tide ends to an hour or two after that. Probably the best combination is the last of the outgoing tide at dawn, when the fish will be hungry.

When fluke are hungry, they hook themselves. But when the fish are moody on the north shore—as they frequently are on the south shore—attention must be paid to the rod tip and the line. First, about 50' to 75' of line should be payed out at the beginning of a drift. When a mild tap is felt, the rod should be lowered and the bail opened (or, with a conventional reel, put in free spool). After letting out a few feet of line, which enables the fluke to engulf the bait, the reel is engaged and the rod raised. Sometimes, it may be necessary to repeat this several times until the solid plunge of a fluke is felt.

It is also possible to catch fluke from an anchored boat, providing the angler brings along a supply of ground bunker and a chum pot. The pot is lowered to the bottom and the baited rig kept nearby. Fluke will follow the chum line to its source and will then see the bait. It is better, however, to drift first, not only to cover more territory, but to locate the dropoffs.

Although most fluke on the Sound are "bay sized," a large landing net is essential, since fluke are the most difficult fish to bring aboard. When hoisted in mid-air on the rod, fluke thrash violently and frequently shake themselves free. The net should be lowered, preferably by your partner and the fish led gently into the net, head-first.

Good fluke spots are located all along the shallower parts of the Sound. At Port Jefferson, for example, a long drifting area extends from Mt. Misery, east of the inlet, to the bluffs farther east. Similar spots occur off Truman Beach and Mulford Pt. in the east end and Eatons Neck, Lloyd Pt., and Crane Neck to the west.

By no means is fluke fishing restricted to the small boat angler on the Sound. Just as along the south shore, many party boats fish for fluke out of City Island, New Rochelle, Huntington, Port Jefferson, and Greenport. Heavier gear is usually required—medium to light boat rods, conventional reels and 20-30 lb. test—because drifting from a party boat may lead to tangled lines. For this reason, too, shorter snelled hooks and rigs are used; otherwise, baits and methods are similar to those used by small boat owners or renters.

The best time to fish for fluke is from late June to the end of July. Thereafter, fluke fishing slows down, although the chances of catching a doormat, from 5-20 lbs., are increased. Some of these gigantic pancakes may not fit in your net, so bring along a gaff. Some extra rigs, too, in case you snag. Moderate, consistent breezes are best for fluke fishing on the Sound, as in the south shore bays.

Although fluke fishing today cannot be compared to the quality fishing of the early '70s, there are still good fish to be caught. For the angler, this means more work and greater experimentation. If you find the south shore too familiar and the fishing erratic, try looking north on your next fluke trip.

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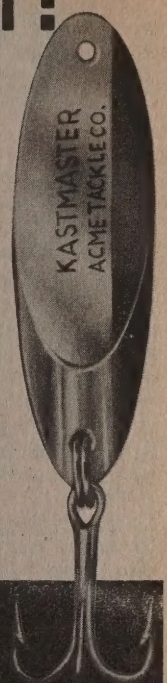

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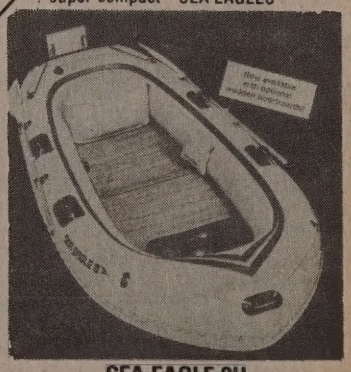

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BIG LURES FOOL BIG BASS

by Ray Hennekey

The author adds some wood to the fire of an age old debate.

One of the longest running arguments in all fishing circles is whether or not large baits and lures are most likely to nab large bass than are small offerings. I'd like to toss in my two cents on that issue now, at the advent of the fishing season during which lure and bait size may be most critical to your success.

There is no question that large lures and baits will catch lunker bass. Probably more than any other local gamesters, oversize bass are known to gobble down baits and lures large enough to scare the daylights out of most sweet-water fishes.

Not that small bass won't smack a chunky bait or lure. In fact, it's not unusual to catch a yearling bass on offerings that are darn near as big as themselves.

Most of the time, however, oversize lures and baits will attract only the largest gamesters around. Hence, it would appear that tossing large baits is one way to tilt the odds in your favor of catching trophy-sized bass.

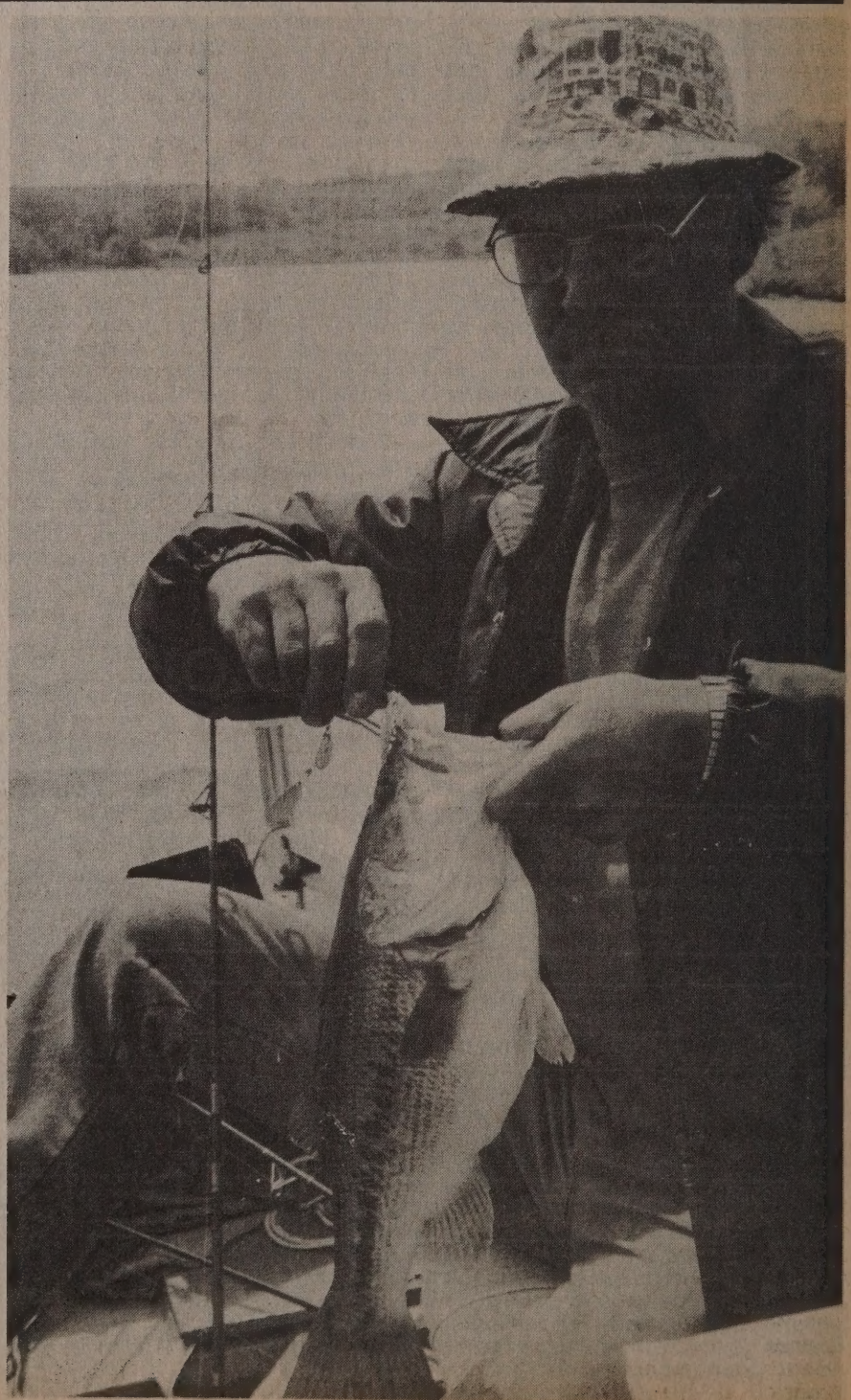
There are several factors to consider before you trophy hunters charge off to the lake toting only the hefty baits and mammoth lures, however.

The first factor is a case of pure percentages. Although wallboard bass can and do inhale some surprisingly immense offerings, few bruisers are likely to pass up a chance to gobble a small morsel that happens to pass within range.

Fishermen who are chucking, say, 1/4 to 1/2 oz. spinnerbaits rather than 7/8 ouncers could well latch onto a trophy at any time. The difference between large and small lures here is that many non-trophy bass will also grab the smaller baits and lures. Hence, catching a trophy becomes partly a matter of odds: the more fish you catch, the greater are chances that one will be a monster.

The fishes' feeding habits should also be a critical consideration in the big bait-big bass argument. Biologists tell us that both large and small bass change their food size preferences in cooler weather. As waters cool, even bucket-mouthed bruiser bass tend to favor smaller items in their diet.

Serious cold weather bass chasers will attest that large baits and lures account for many potbellied bass



Most anglers live by the adage that big baits take bigger fish.

during cold weather months. However, the odds of connecting with a big 'un appear much improved with smaller lures and baits, based on the biologists findings.

I favor oversized spinnerbaits for fooling lunker largemouths during cold weather months until I read up on the research findings I just mentioned. Since that time several years ago, I have used spinnerbaits larger than 3/8 oz. for late fall-winter/early spring fishing less than ten percent of the time. I have even come to prefer smaller, quarter ounce 'baits.

My catches of bass over 4 lbs., as well as my catches of real bruisers, has increased dramatically since I switched to smaller lures for cold weather bass fishing. I have fooled four bass over 8 lbs. with quarter ounce spinnerbaits in the past three cold seasons, for instance. Large spinners still account for a share of my cold weather bass catches, sometimes working when the smaller baits don't; but I'm certainly favoring small lures for most of my frigid weather bass fishing nowadays.

Despite the bass' general preference for smaller morsels during cold weather, I'd still wager that a hefty shiner would outfish smaller minnows, in terms of both numbers and size of bass caught.

That's because a hooked live bait is a captive audience for a hungry bass and, unlike a passing lure, the shiner must hang around while the bass decides he's hungry enough to latch on. Unfortunately, large shiners (four to six inches) are nearly impossible to find locally unless you catch your own; so I haven't tested this theory sufficiently.

Another factor in the big bait/big bass debate seems to be the type of lure you're using. The size of spinnerbaits, crankbaits, plastic worms, and leadhead jigs and grubs preferred by bass seem to be largely affected by water temperature—with smaller lures favored in cooler waters. However, the bass' preference for some other lures is little affected by cold waters.

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Evidently, I can't resolve the big lure/big bass debate. Truth is, I don't think the argument will ever be resolved. But now I've put in my two cents and you may have some new ammo to fire the next time the issue is raised around the cracker barrel. Better yet, you have a few things to consider before you decide what lure size you're going to chunk at Ol' Lanternjaw this season.

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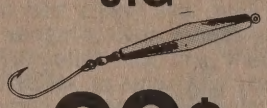

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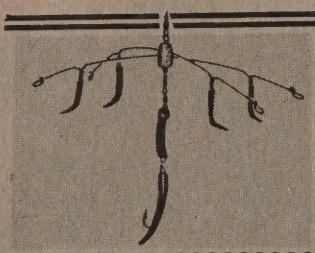

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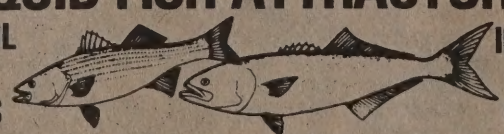

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On March 31, 1982, a Federal District Court Judge set aside Section 10 (Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899) and Section 404 (Clean Water Act) permits issued by the Corps of Engineers and enjoined construction of the Westway. The Westway is a four mile $2 billion road designed to replace a portion of the West Side Highway in New York City. The proposed route required the filling of 234 acres of the Hudson River. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) opposed the proposed route because of the impact the filling would have on juvenile striped bass overwintering areas in the Hudson River. The Judge's decision to set aside the Corps permits was the result of a suit brought by a coalition of conservation and citizens' groups, sport and commercial fisheries interests and regional government bodies. According to the suit, the Corps had not prepared a proper environmental impact statement and had failed to assess Westway's impacts on striped bass.

Planning for Westway commenced in 1972. In 1974, the Federal Highway Administration (FHMA), which is funding 90% of the construction costs, issued a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. The final EIS published in 1977, described the aquatic impact of the landfill as follows:

"The interpier basins are presently almost devoid of macroorganisms, and therefore the landfilling of the basins will cause a minimal loss of estuarine productivity for species other than micro-organisms. Since the inshore area is biologically impoverished, the placement of landfill will have little impact on the overall productivity of the Hudson estuary."

Following issuance of the EIS, the New York State Department of Transportation applied to the Corps of Engineers for the requisite landfill permits. The Corps' consideration of the permit application was described at great length in the Court's decision. The decision notes the objections of many parties, including NMFS, to the permit application at the District Engineer level. The Court concluded that even without the objections of NMFS, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Corps was legally obliged to independently evaluate the available information on aquatic impacts to determine whether the evidence was sufficient to make a decision and whether the EIS was adequate. The Court determined that the record was totally devoid of any evidence of consideration by the District Engineer concerning aquatic impacts of the landfill. The District Engineer's decision merely reiterated the description of the interpier area contained in the EIS. Moreover, the District Engineer ignored preliminary data from a new biological study conducted for the permit applicant which showed significant marine life in the interpier area.

The Division Engineer decided to wait for the results of this new study before making his decision on the permit. The results were examined in detail by the Court. The study was interpreted by the Court to show that the interpier area is a productive area for a variety of fish and is of unusual importance to striped bass. The Court concluded that the Division Engineer also failed to make an independent evaluation of the fisheries question and failed to obtain appropriate analyses from NMFS, FWS and EPA.

The Court then examined the Division Engineer's response to this study which, it said, "...can only be explained as resulting from an almost fixed predetermination to grant the Westway landfill permit." The Court also concluded that the permit appli-

Hudson River stripers such as the one being unhooked here, are being given a new lease on life.

cant (concerned because the study was showing "...an astonishing amount of fish life in the interpier area...,") attempted to prevent the results of the study from becoming public and presented the results to the relevant Federal agencies ...in a manner which masked the full significance of the information." Since the new study had shown that the District Engineer's decision was based on incorrect information, a thorough and independent review of the matter as well as fair disclosure of the facts to the public were warranted. Neither was done. The Division Engineer's report failed to discuss the findings of the study concerning striped bass and other fish in the interpier area. The Corps did not obtain the technical assistance of NMFS, FWS and EPA as it was legally required to do.

The permit then was elevated to the Chief of Engineers. The Court concluded that the Chief's Office made no analysis of the issue and only sought to expedite permit issuance.

The Court concluded as a matter of law that the Corps of Engineers was under a duty to make a reasonable effort to ascertain the facts and make a full disclosure of the information about fisheries resources, including the views of the Federal agencies with expertise on the subject of fisheries, to the public. The Corps also is required to adequately consider the potential impact in its review of the issue and obtain the technical assistance of NMFS, FWS and EPA.

This case breaks no new ground. It merely reiterates the need for Federal agencies to document compliance with all requirements of Federal law. Nevertheless, the case does demonstrate the impact the NMFS Habitat Conservation Program can have and the importance of the consultation requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and NEPA. The Judge clearly was impressed by the technical analysis of the NMFS and by their testimony. NMFS' actions in this case have helped to ensure that fish and wildlife values will receive appropriate consideration.

Credit for this public interest victory goes to a number of concerned individuals in Federal agencies (e.g., NMFS, FWS and EPA) as well as sport fishing interests and citizens' groups in New York. However, the primary issue of concern to the Judge was the project's effects on aquatic resources. NMFS' Habitat Conservation Program scientists were primarily responsible for synthesizing published and unpublished information on early life histories and relating this information to project-induced changes in water circulation, nutrient inflow, waste discharges and changes in habitat characteristics. These data were used to provide an assessment of Westway's effects on living marine resources dependent upon this portion of the estuary.

NMFS' substantial and effective efforts in defense of living marine resources and the public interest should be recognized and appreciated by all. Such efforts represent but one example of the Habitat Conservation Program's quiet effectiveness in shaping national policy and influencing decisions to protect and conserve living marine resources and their habitats for the benefit of future generations. In the process they successfully demonstrated NMFS' ability to meet their important stewardship responsibilities.

NMFS Habitat Conservation Program scientists in the Regions and Centers are actively involved in approximately 15,000 such issues on an annual basis. Too often, the benefits of such involvement are not recognized, probably because habitat protection is a complex subject and largely results in damage minimization or creation of an "environmental ethic," rather than producing a visible product. Nevertheless, the program's importance to the continued productivity of fishery resources, and thus to society, should be understood—especially by the budget-cutters who have emasculated the Habitat Conservation Program in the NMFS FY '83 budget.

Other NMFS Habitat Conservation Program involvements may be less dramatic in economic terms, but are equally important in ensuring the continued health of ecosystems and their ability to produce and support marine life of importance to the Nation.

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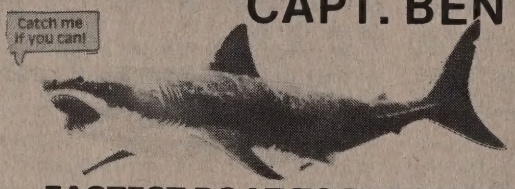

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GULF STREAM EDDIES

by Gef Flimlin

Warm water eddies pinpoint tuna, marlin and swords.

Those living in the coastal areas are constantly aware of water movement. Fishermen and boaters watch tide charts; beachfront homeowners fear the littoral currents that shift the sands of the beach; and dock owners adjust docking line with the rise and fall of the water.

There are many currents interacting in the oceans, but the one best known on the east coast is the Gulf Stream. As Postmaster General, Ben Franklin commissioned the charting of the Gulf Stream to aid in the routing mail ships from the colonies to Great Britain.

But the Gulf Stream's path is not etched in stone. Its general direction is constant, but the line of movement sometimes changes from its mean path. These course meanderings may form eddies or rings.

Meanders in the Gulf Stream have been observed in the area between Cape Hatteras and the Grand Banks for some time and researchers have been aware of these rings for 40 years. Since 1973, with satellite detailed data on sea surface temperatures, more emphasis has been placed on monitoring these rings.

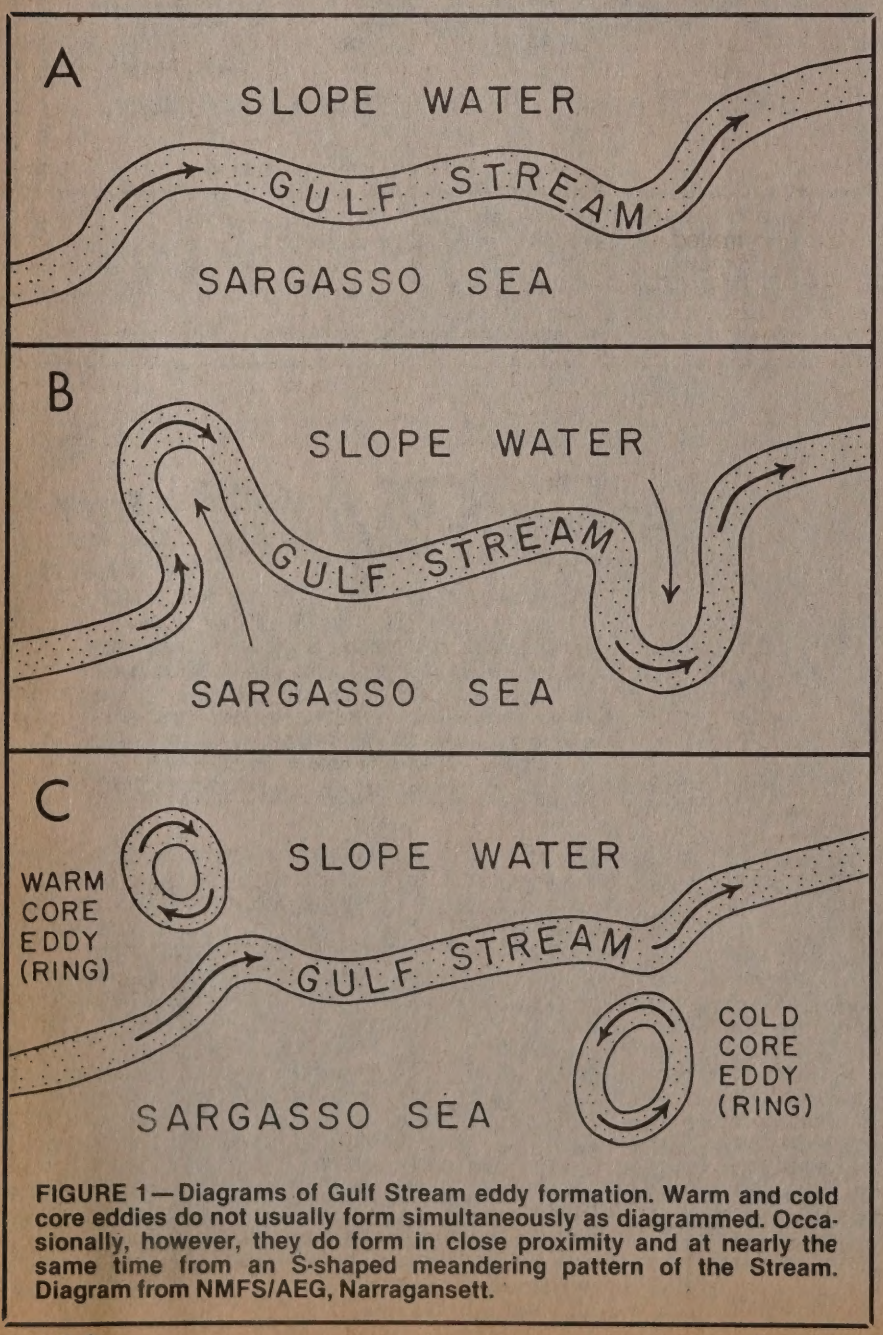

FIGURE 1—Diagrams of Gulf Stream eddy formation. Warm and cold core eddies do not usually form simultaneously as diagrammed. Occasionally, however, they do form in close proximity and at nearly the same time from an S-shaped meandering pattern of the Stream. Diagram from NMFS/AEG, Narragansett.

RING FORMATION

There are actually two types of rings: warm core and cold core rings. Their formation is similar but their structure and paths are different (see fig. 1).

Warm rings form when large meanders move off on the left (shoreward) side of the current and become separated from the Gulf Stream. The meander breaks off warm Sargasso water and Gulf Stream water in the colder shelf and slope water. Some rings have a difference of 8 or 9°C from the surrounding water. These rings spin in a clockwise motion moving to the southwest. The rotational flow continues at speeds from about .5 to 2.0 knots and the entire ring moves from 2 to 4.5 nautical miles per day until it is reabsorbed by the Gulf Stream usually near Cape Hatteras.

The size of the warm or anticyclonic eddies vary but most are over 45 nautical miles in diameter with the largest one recorded since 1974 being about 120 nautical miles in diameter as it passed near Hudson Canyon. Warm eddies are usually cup-shaped, as can be seen by the temperature profiles illustrated in figure 2. As they progress, their diameter decreases and they become shallower. Six to eleven rings have been observed to form and be reabsorbed each year but all may not last for the same amount of time.

The cold core or cyclonic eddies conversely form from meanders on the right or offshore edge of the Gulf Stream breaking off a body of colder shelf or slope water. These were not observed until 1950, 14 years after the discovery of the warm core eddies. These cold core eddies are estimated to form 5 to 8 times a year but last much longer than the warm core eddies. They spin counter-clockwise and have diameters between 85 and

170 nautical miles and are 1250 to 1750 fathoms deep, being colder than their surroundings, they sink below the surface within three or four months of formation making their tracking difficult.

Again, conversely to the warm eddie, the cold ones resemble a dome shape instead of a cup (see figure 2) and don't move in as determinable a direction as do the warm eddies. Their path is more haphazard as they move through the Sargasso Sea but their movement over the long term is westerly.

The basic effect of both types of eddies is that they create an environmental change in their specific area in terms of temperature, salinity, and water motion. These difference were first noticed by shipboard observers, but now most monitoring is done by satellite.

EDDY MONITORING

The National Earth Satellite Service (NESS) in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the main agency involved with the tracking and monitoring of the eddies.

Each week NESS and the National Weather Service (NWS) draw several charts tracking the movement of the Gulf Stream and its relation eddies. The data is derived from NOAA Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES-4), NOAA-6 satellites and bathythermograph readings from the cooperative ship program and buoys (see figure 3).

The eddy position can be determined basically from the thermal contrasts that appear on the NOAA-6 and GOES-4 infrared imagery. Short film loops are made to aid in the detection of these contrasts but when cloud cover prevents clear pictures the image is taken from the last usable day's imagery.

Information about eddy formation and movement is disseminated in various ways.

A—Three times a week, the chart for Cape Hatteras to the Grand Banks is transmitted on leased telephone line weather facsimile machines located at weather stations such as at airports. (See fig. 3.)

B—A similar type of chart but with less detail and with a polar point of view is broadcast by the Naval Oceanographic Office on radio facsimile to the ships at sea.

C—The weather lines and radio fascimile also include the area south of Cape Hatteras and the Gulf of Mexico but this information can also be obtained from an automatic telecopier located at the NOAA Satellite Field Services Station in Miami. The information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and depicts a Gulf Stream System Flow Chart which includes the loop current or eddy that sometimes forms in the Gulf of Mexico.

D—Weekly Sea Surface Temperature Analyses and Oceanographic Analyses are also mailed out by NWS. The SST Analysis shows isotherms or lines of similiar temperature off the east coast for the preceding week. The Oceanographic Analysis shows the weeky position of the Gulf Strem and its associated eddies.

E—Marine weather broadcasts of the west wall of the Gulf Stream are transmitted daily by several stations along the east coast, while Portsmith, VA also broadcasts warm and cold eddy positions.

F—NWS also publishes the Oceanographic Monthly Summary which depicts the movement of the Gulf Stream over a month and a monthly mean temperature and anomaly chart for the region.

G—The New Jersey Marine Advisory Service has also established a program to collate and distribute a number of the aforementioned products on an as close to real time basis as available and in greater frequency through the use of a telecopier. Products are received from NESS just after they are drawn, copied, and mailed within one hour to recipients from Massachusetts to Florida.

USE OF EDDY INFORMATION

Aside from the pure science of knowing ocean movement, there are several groups that can make a practical application of the information supplied by the sea surface information charts.

Both commercial and sport fishermen realize the role suitable water temperatures can play in the availability of particular species. Almost all fish are somewhat temperature dependent and knowledge of the location of certain water temperatures or fronts can be very important to successful fishing.

Commercial swordfish longliners were probably the first to realize the critical need for charts that show

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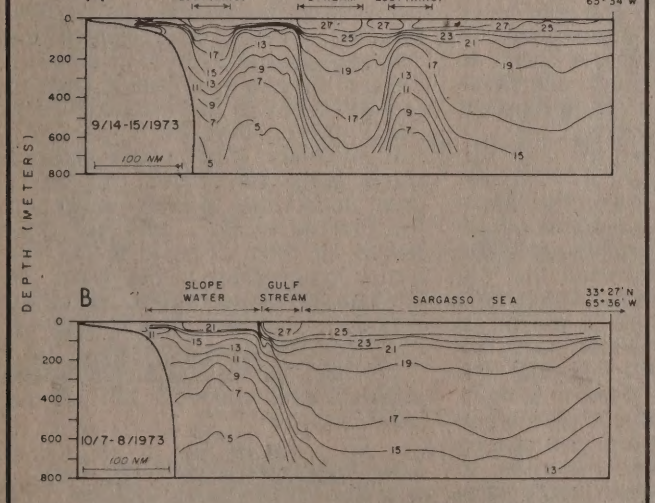

FIGURE 2—Vertical temperature sections from off New York City toward Bermuda. Lines of equal temperature are drawn at intervals of 20 centigrade: A. Illustration of the structure of a warm core eddy (in the slope water region) and a cold core eddy (in the Sargasso Sea). B. Illustration of temperature structure when no eddies are present. Diagrams from NMFS/AEG, as modified from Gulf Stream Monthly Summary, July 1974, U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office.

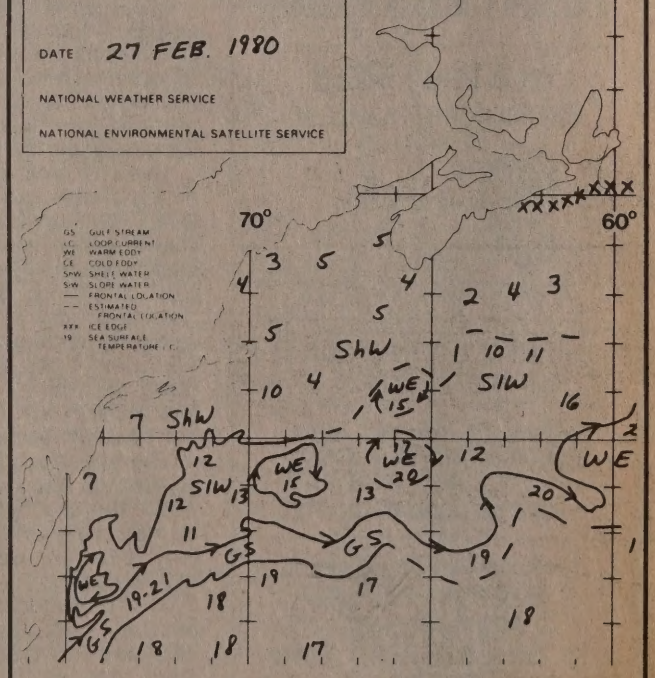

FIGURE 3—Ocean Frontal Analysis, NE Atlantic Coast. Solid lines are the observed ocean features, and dashed lines are the estimated features. Numbers show the SST in °C.

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temperature, eddy location, ocean currents, and depth contours. The longliners set their gear near the surface in water between 55° and 76° F, preferably in an area of distinct temperature change. Such an area would be exemplified by the edge of a warm core eddy.

They also value the knowledge of the position and direction of spin of the eddy because some longlines can be five or ten miles in length and the eddy's spin can move the line from where it was initially set or help on more efficient setting or hauling of the gear.

Red crab and lobster fishermen who set offshore use the information to avoid the eddy that could pass through the areas where their pots are set. The subsurface spinning of the ring interferes with fishing and often causes gear losses by submerging and deflating surface buoys.

Eddy position can also be of advantage to offshore commercial draggers since they could realize better fuel efficiency by towing nets with the motion of the eddy instead of against it. In addition, when the warm core eddies pass close to or up on the edge of the continental shelf, the subsurface currents may have an effect on the location of certain species and make other fish available to the fishermen's gear.

With the increasing cost of fuel, sport fishermen are using the eddy charts more and more to determine if offshore water temperatures are suitable for a trip to the offshore canyons for game fish. This is especially important at the beginning and the end of the season when the availability of tuna, marlin, and swordfish is questionable.

Charter boat captains who want to get the jump on the competition or assure their clients of more successful trips have been using the charts to pick prime fishing grounds and determine whether a trip right to the Gulf Stream would be feasible.

The economic return from the use of the charts has been very impressive. The American Swordfish Association which is comprised of fishermen from the Gulf of Maine to the Gulf of Mexico determined that the charts supplied by the NJMAS in 1980 saved an estimated $2.25 million in fuel costs. Sport fishermen using the same service in 1981 felt that the charts definitely put them on to more fish and also saved them fuel money.

The Weekly SST Analysis can be studied by the inshore fishermen to watch the progression of warm water in the spring which brings the mackerel, bluefish, weakfish, and sharks up the coast.

In the National Marine Fisheries Service, both the physical oceanographers and the fishery researchers study the Gulf Stream and eddy movement. The NMFS Atlantic Environmental Group monitors and numbers the eddies weekly so that their progression can be applied in other sectors of marine research.

These analyses can be used in studies on fish and plankton distribution, fish migrations, nutrient enrichment and transports, primary productivity, and the efficiency of different types of sampling and fishing gear.

Researchers in Miami studying bluefin tuna have devoted much time and effort to analyzing the tuna's migration in relation to its food and the relation of water temperature and movement to both the predator and prey. Aside from using the Gulf Stream eddies and SST charts, they also incorporated data from the Numbus-7 satellite which has been supplying information for 3 years. The satellite has a Coastal Zone Color Scanner which can monitor chlorophyl biomasses down as far as light will penetrate and monitor organics and pollutants in the water. The result is that when water currents or fronts are examined in conjunction with the boundaries of high chlorophyl productivity, researchers, and hopefully fishermen in the future, will be able to determine areas of high fish abundance.

Another area of concern is the effect of the eddies on deepwater dumpsites such as DWD106, an area 106 miles from the apex of the New York Bight. In past research, it was shown that at least 3 warm core rings pass through the site yearly spending approximately 22 days each, thus occupying the site for 20% of the year. The actual fate of the waste dumped while an eddy is present is not entirely known but careful monitoring will undoubtedly be undertaken.

And finally, information on the location of the Gulf Stream itself can aid large ocean shippers in determining appropriate routes for coastal shipping. These vessels watch the charts so they can run with or avoid the Gulf Stream's current to save on fuel and time just as the mail ships of Ben Franklin's days did.

In summary, it is obvious that offshore water movements can be of great importance to many sectors of the marine world...whether they search for them or avoid them. The future compatibility of the ocean, its inhabitants, its users, and the satellites that view them all will ensure a truly interesting relationship.

Further information about eddies or oceanographic products can be obtained from:

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FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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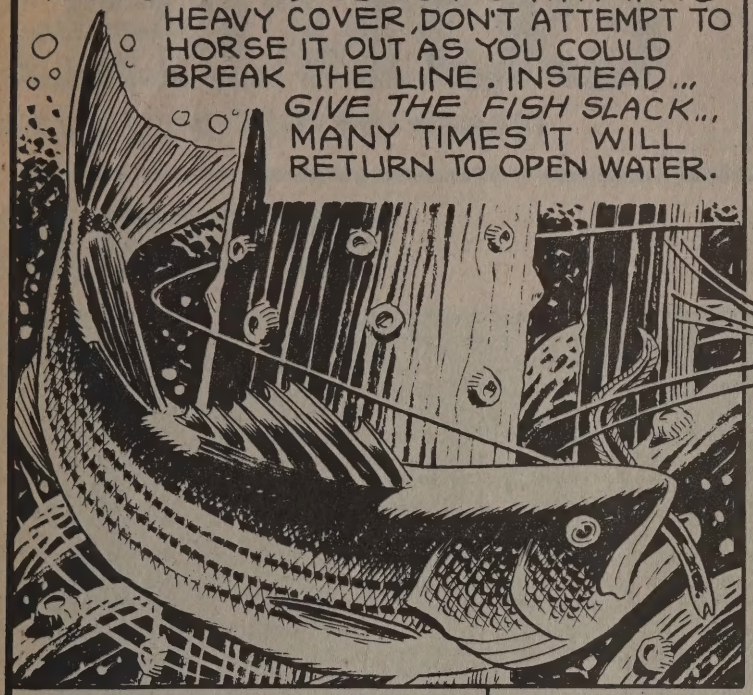

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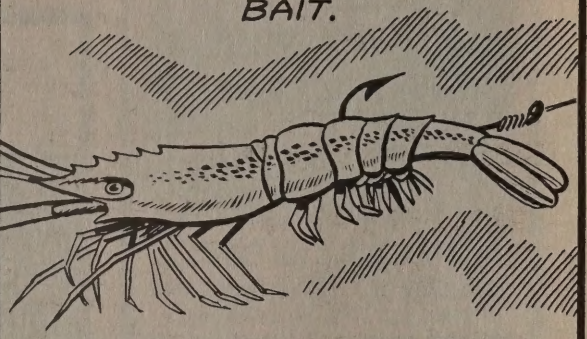

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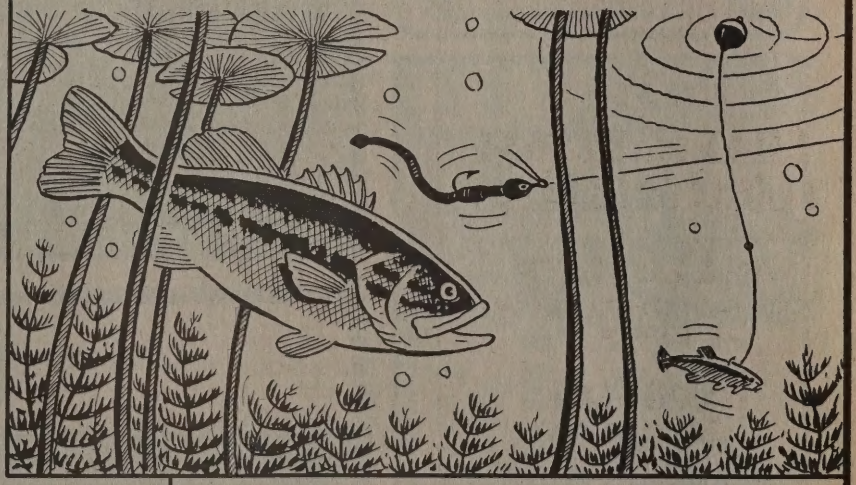

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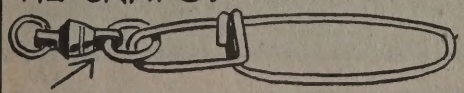

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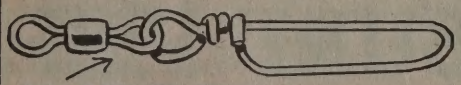

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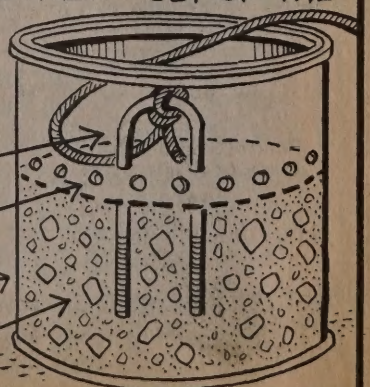

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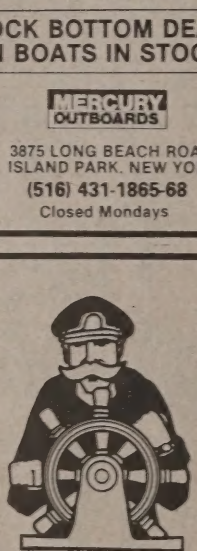

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East End Report

by Stu Miller

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A bluefish invasion has begun off our Island's east end, while cod continue very strong, porgies quickly build and fluke runs from fair to excellent.

A 39 lb. cod took the pool for Robert Rojas of Glen Cove aboard the **Viking Star** Saturday. Captain Paul Forsberg says that the Coxes Ledge codfishing was absolutely fantastic Saturday for fish in the 8-12 lb. range. All week pools have been in the 40s. Saturday's porgy fishing was very good aboard the **Viking Starlite** for fish running 2-4 lbs. with some 3-6 blackfish mixed in. Fluking was excellent Saturday on both the morning and afternoon trips. Night bluefishing has seen brutes from 14-20 lbs. caught and as to quantities, it's just all you can handle and then some, said the skipper. The codding was good Monday through Saturday but everything kind of suffered a little on Sunday due to the storm that passed by us Saturday night.

Aboard Captain Paul D'Angelis' charter boat **Diane II** Dave Welch of Ridgewood, N.Y. on Saturday had a big mako on estimated weight 700-800 lbs. which pulled the hook. Dave also had several blue shark. This was in 200' of water south of the Point. On Sunday's trip for the Di Pilato party of Yonkers, a 287 lb. mako was hooked and after seven jumps in a fight of 2½

One of the first makos of the year at Montauk, a 174 lber., was taken by a party headed by Bill Semma aboard the charter boat "Montauk."

Lou, Don, Hy and Sal with 14 big cod up to 46 lbs. taken at Montauk aboard the charter boat "Vivienne."

hours the fish was landed and hoisted up on the gin pole.

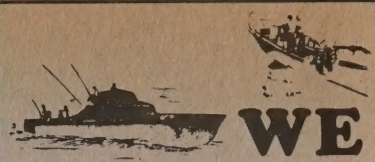
It was a 185 lb. mako shark for William Cope and party aboard the charter boat **Ebb Tide** plus 4 blue sharks up to 200 lbs.

Captain Buddy Dorman with the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** called to say that he has switched his fishing to Gardiner's Island. The fishing has been fair to very good for his fares who have the chance to catch a bucket or better of mixed sized porgies. Sunday was slow but Willy Cornell, Bronx, bagged 75 porgies. Since fishing Gardiner's, Bud has had at least a 5 gal. bucket filled for his own individual effort each day. Weakfish, blues, sea bass, flounder, fluke and blackfish have been adding to the week's catches.

Porgy fishing has been decent said Captain Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** with Sunday's fares catching between 20-25 fish a man on the average. The fluking has also shown a definite improvement with fish being caught this week up to 4 lbs. The night bluefishing is building nicely with fish running 10-18 lbs. off Block Island aboard the **Marlin IV**.

Open boats **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** have been enjoying fair porgy picking at Gardiner's Island with all fares taking fish. Captain Dusty says the main body is not in yet, but with catches still very decent we can anticipate bigger catches to come. Presently mediums make up the bulk of the catch with a few biggies mixed in, plus a few blacks and sea bass.

Aboard the charter boat **Mistress Too** sharking remains a hot item with makos being taken everyday. A charter for Tim McDonald and party Sunday fishing south of the Point took



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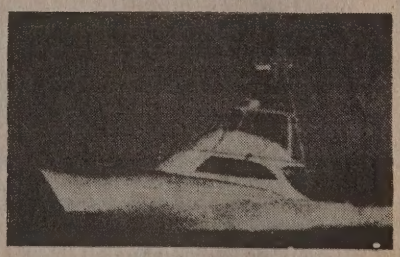

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a 202 lb. mako. Inshore, there's been excellent blueishing and a good showing of weakfish as well on wire line and diamond jigs.

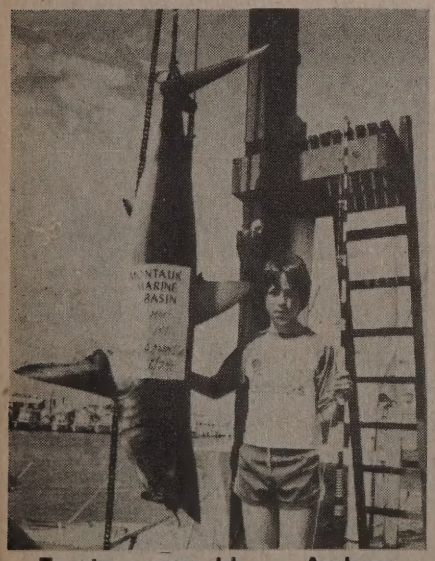
We heard second-hand of nice catches of big fluke aboard the charter boat **Montauk** and assume that this catch was made in the Rips off the Point.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** advised that on Thursday a 441 lb. dusky shark was hooked and landed by Mike Mills, Stony Brook after a two hour battle during which the fish pulled like a giant tuna. On Saturday's trip, Frank Minerva of Brooklyn scored with a 178 lb. mako. The inshore fishing for blues is strong with over 70 blues taken on the Bob Torres charter Sunday. Weakfish have shown and a few are being umbrellaed and diamond jigged along with bluefish.

SOUTH FORK

Paul at **Bayview Fishing Station** in Sag Harbor knew that Noyac Bay had a lot of 1-4 lb. blues that were being trolled or taken with light spinning gear fitted with small Kastmasters or small Hopkins. Cedar Point has had very good 1/2 to 2 lb. porgy action on worm and clam. One to 4 lb. blues at Mashomak Point, a scattering of blowfish at Cedar Pt. and the start up of fluke action there also. Cedar Point yielded an 11¾ lb. fluke to an umbrella rig accidentally bounced along the bottom early in the week. Buoys 16 and 17 produced a few 4-9 lb. weakfish on bucktails, sporting squid strips.

The word frokm **Noyac Marina** is that there is a lot of swift action going on in Noyac Bay for blues, weaks, porgies and sea bass with the best areas being between buoys 16 and 17 and also east of Jessup's. The blues are running 3-5 lbs. on umbrellas or



Fourteen-year-old Andrew Chalson poses with the 151 lb. mako shark he landed aboard his dad's boat Nikara south of Montauk. It was weighed at Montauk Marine Basin.

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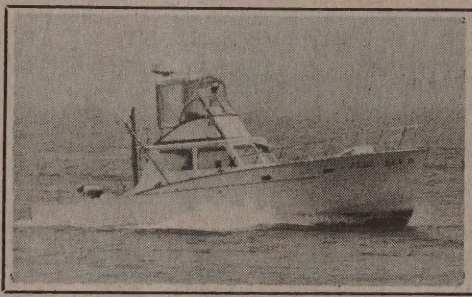

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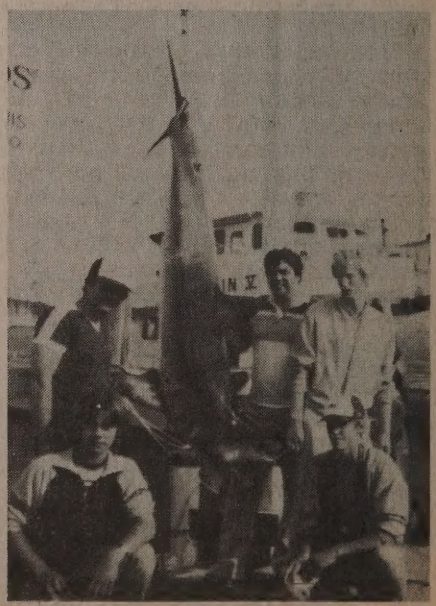
Shinnecock Bay fluking has been good, said Thom of **Speck's Tackle** with fish mainly 15'' and 16'' long on squid, spearing and sand eels. Best has been at the CG channel and east channel. Small blues at Cormorant Point on tins and poppers. Flounder and fluke are also being taken at Cormorant Point. The canal is a mixed bag. Peconic Bay is producing 1-3 lb. blues at South Race, buoys 26 and 27, on eel worms, tins and poppers. Porgies in the same place plus Rose's Grove and Jessups on worm and clam. Gardiner's has started producing porgies off Eastern Plains while fluking has begun off the Ruins at Gardiner's. Try Sag Harbor waters for porgies, blues and a few weaks.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

From **Corr's Fishing Station** in Hampton Bays, Frank Peluso spoke of some pretty good fluking inside Shinnecock Bay. Ron Kufro along with his sons, Scott, Joe and Ronnie, worked the basket area and returned to the station with 20 keepers. On Sunday, Alex and Chris Evreinov worked the Coast Guard Station area to the tune of 20 fish also. Joe Gaspari of Queens won the station's prize for



Wayne Purul and friends with Wayne's 300 lb. mako shark. It was taken south of Montauk aboard the charterboat 'Adios.'

Patchogue F.C. members, George, Tom, Tom and Jim with 4 of the 28 big pollack they took at Block Island on downriggers aboard the charter boat "Windy."

the largest fluke taken during the month of June with his 9 pound doormat.

Next door in Moriches Bay, Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in East Moriches continued to speak of lots of flounder in the bay particularly in the vicinity of buoy 39. Bloodworms and heavy mussel chum result in the best flounder catches. Fluke are beginning to show on the flats north of 39 and continue to be taken in the Elbow. Sandeels and squid fished on 3 hours on either side of high water is the ticket. Lots of 1-2 pound blues roaming the bay and taking any kind of tin.

Al Lassen at **Hi-Way** Fishing Station dittoed Gary's flounder report and added that 50-60 flatties per boat was the rule rather than the exception. As for fluke, Al suggested buoy 42, West Cut and the Elbow. He figured catches of 15-20 keepers per boat about average but added that some do much poorer and others much better.

Best fluke of the week brought into Jim DeVita's **Skidmore's Fishing Station** was a 4½ pounder taken by Dave Roys. The flattie weighed 4½ pounds. Jim spoke of buoys 36 and 39-41 as the best bet for summer flatties, as well as the Elbow. Sandeel and squid combos have been acounting for average catches of 15 fluke per boat. Flounder fishing remains good but is restricted to incoming tide only at buoys 39 and 36. Matt and John Viol had 85 flatties on Saturday at buoy 39. Jim also spoke of snapper blues all over the bay with choppers of 3-5 pounds being trolled just outside the inlet on umbrella rigs.

Working west, Gary Stiriz of **Stiriz's Fishing Station** in Mastic Beach spoke of plenty of small blues in the 1-4 pound range being taken by both casters and trollers in the vicinity of buoy 17. He labelled the fluking as picky with the best bet for a worthwhile score between buoys 19 & 24. Alex Reanno used a killie and squid combo to take a 7½ pound doormat at buoy 21 on Friday. Gary

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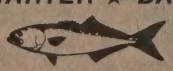

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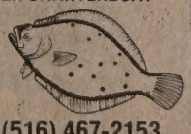

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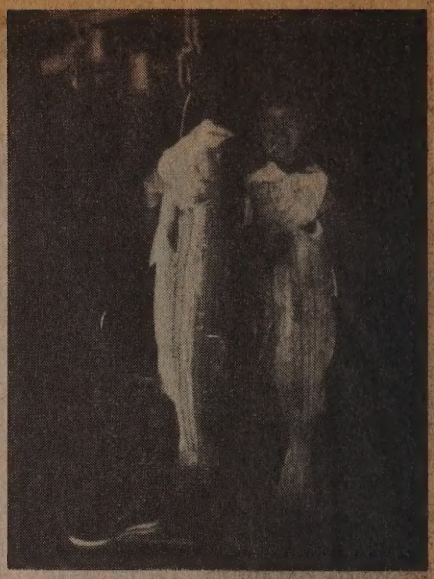

Lanny Molnar of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays with bass of 33 and 37 lbs. taken in Shinnecock Inlet.

summed it up by stating that crabs had begun to make a showing and flounder are still available in the deeper holes.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale, "Rod" DiGiacomo told of weighing in a 5 pound 14 ounce sea bass for John Olsen of Islip Terrace on Thursday. The fish was taken at Ocean Beach where John reminded that sinker bouncers have been picking away a mixture of sea bass and porgies on clams and worms. Fluking in the bay leaves much to be desired but some small summer run weaks are beginning to show between Heckscher and Sayville. Offshore news was slim but John did relay word that the private boat Outcast skipper by Ray Whitman had 2 long fin tuna at the canyon late last week. Trout fishing has been good in Connetquot Park and a few fish are also being taken below the park in Bubbles Falls.

Fluke are spread around the bay with no great quantity of fish in evidence and most boats just managing to pick away at a few fish according to Ireene of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in East Islip. West Channel, Ocean Beach, The Lighthouse and Snake Hill Channel have all produced some action on killies or sandeels. Small blues come and go in the bay and at the Inlet where they are being trolled on umbrella rigs.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** also spoke of pretty slow fluking in the Bay and recommended State Channel and Snake Hill Channel as best bets. Good bluefishing continued offshore of the Three Sisters wreck and shark fishermen found big blues in 140' of water southeast of the inlet. Lots of small blues on Farm Shoals for pluggers

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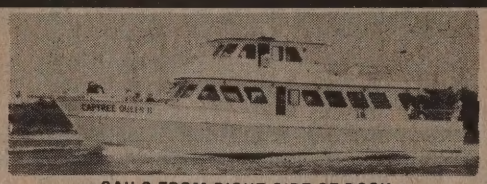

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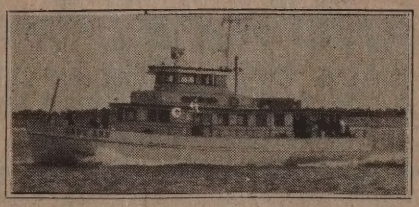

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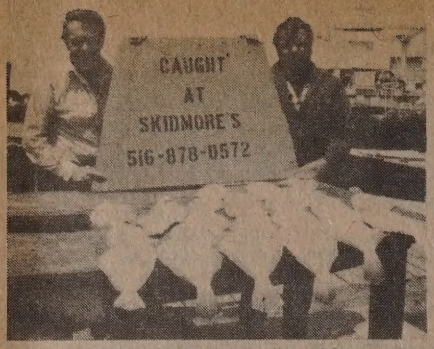

Lou Wilson and John Kropp with 27 fluke caught on sand eels and squid south of buoy 36 in Moriches Bay. The pair fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

and near the lighthouse for umbrellas rig trollers.

Captree boats continued to enjoy good bluefishing while fluke fishing can still stand a shot of adrenalin. Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Jib VI** labelled the fluking as generally picky. He has been working the State Channel and the inlet area with fares finding best results on killie or spearing and fluke belly combos. The skipper looks to warm weather to improve the fishing. Some of the better fish taken in recent days include fluke of 5½ pounds for Bob Ackerman and a 10 pound weakfish for Sheldon Tenanbaum on Sunday. Sunday's AM trip saw Ralph Lopez take a 6 pound flattie. 4½ year old Andrew Monk led all his elders on Friday with a 4 pound fluke. Carl asked us to remind customers that he is now sailing two fluke trips daily beginning at 8AM and 1PM.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** hardly spoke of the fluke fishing which he briefly described as slow. However, bluefishing was another story altogether with solid fishing with choppers in the 10-15 pound class at Cholera on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Also good action with 3-6 pound blues in the vicinity of the Three Sisters Wreck with catches of these fish running 20-plus fish per man.

Bob and Dave Santise, Ray Balsam and Kevin LeClair with 36 fluke taken near buoy 39A in Moriches Bay. The group fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

Both boats once again home at Captree, Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** was enthused over the good bluefish action currently under way at Three Sisters. Fish varied in size running anywhere from 4 on up to 12 pounds. Diamond jigs take the fish

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in the daytime while bait and chum has been the ticket at night. Speedy said that if there was any edge to the fishing it would go to the nightime action. Hi-hook this past week ranged anywhere from 25-60 blues and it looks like the fish are well settled in the area.

Capt. Tom Burke of the charter boat **Lady Ann** described most night bluefish trips as a slaughter at the Three Sisters Wreck. Plenty of 3-8 pound choppers taken on bait and chum. For fluke, Tom has been working the State Channel with sandeel and squid combos and finishing up with 4-5 keeper per man on most days.

Suffolk Marine's #2 fishing team returned to port in Babylon with a 154 pound mako hanging from the Gin pole over the weekend. The fish was found in 180' of water south of F.I. Inlet. A 300 pound dusky was tagged and released. The private boat Fishing Fever with Jim and Andy Alfano and Tom Gorley aboard but a put away a 54 pound mako and three duskies between 150 and 200 pounds. The trio fished 140' of water, 180 degrees out of F.I. Inlet. Poppy of Suffolk Marine who relayed the reports noted that the overall inshore scene has been pretty slow.

Fred Austin at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon tabbed the fluking in the bay as very picky. Bluefishing has been pretty steady in the vicinity of the Three Sisters Wreck and there are some small blues roaming the bay and inlet. One customer told of taking 21 blues casting along the Oak Beach shore on Thursday. A 320 pound tiger shark was taken by Ron Mancuso aboard the Hangover fishing in the same area where last weeks big mako was taken, 150'-150 degrees.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** looked over a catch of 50

Bruce Anketell and Bob Stogdale with 83 flounder caught in Moriches Bay on June 18. Photo courtesy of Tadsen's Fishing Station.

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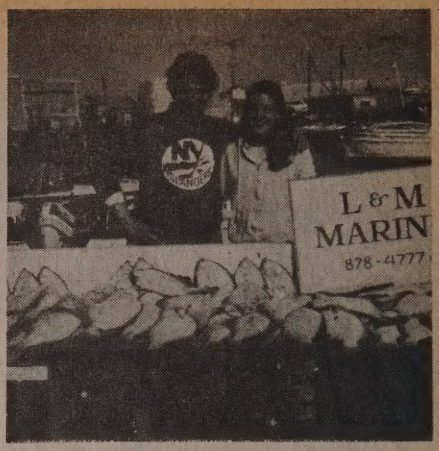

David Weiss and his sister Marla with a June catch of over 100 flounder made in Moriches after renting a skiff from L&M Marine in East Moriches.

flounder and a 7½ pound blackfish made behind the Sore Thumb on Friday by a customer. He knew of some nice blowfish also taken in this area. Baby blues roamed the Inlet in the early morning hours and there are at least a few weakfish below them according to Mike. Try jigs like the 007 or wire line and umbrella rigs to get to the weaks. Best bet for fluke has been the State Channel between the draw bridge and the Lindenhurst Cut. For freshwater fans, Southard's Pond still producing some nice pickerel and some nice bass to 3 pounds being taken out of Howleys Pond.

Mal Decker had his fluke fishing trip near F.I. Lighthouse brightened with the addition of a 4 pound bluefish which took his killie. Fluke fishing in the State Channel near the Babylon Cut was described as fair by Gil at **Capt. Jack's East** in Lindenhurst. Decent flounder fishing still to be found in the Sore Thumb Pocket and plenty of crabs now in residence at local piers. Small snappers are beginning to show.

Kathy Corbett of **Jonas Bait and Tackle** in Copiague passed along word of a surprisingly good number of flounder still available to boatmen in the deeper holes. Blackfish taking fiddler crabs readily at the Kismet Reef and small blues in and out of the inlet. Bigger fish being found out at Three Sisters and Cholera. The fluke picture is pretty dismal with some fish being taken at the Copiague hole.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Bob Rose, behind the counter at **Capt. Jack's West** in Amity Harbor labelled the fluke fishing as picky to fair in the State Channel. He spoke of a nice run of bluefish at Three Sisters Wreck and also knew of fish taken just outside the inlet on wire line and umbrella rigs. Lots of crabs now being taken at Tanner Park and Bergen Point. On the freshwater side, Costa Systris who mates aboard the Babylon charter boat **Luci II** found time to

sample the Lake Ronkonkoma black bass population. Using a Panther Martin spinner and worm combo, Costa took 7 largemouths up to 3 lbs.

Flounder fishing remained good in the Jones Beach area as well as off of the Jones Beach pier where on Friday, Adrian Abrams took a 2¾ lb. flattie. Fluke fishing at Four Corners, Squaw Island and the 3rd bridge was described as fair by Marie at **Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle** in Seaford. Marie who did the honors for Adrian and her flounder, said that the ratio of keepers to shorts is somewhere in the vicinity of 50 per cent.

Art White of **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** in Seaford said that they had a decent day with fluke on Saturday but a slow day on Sunday. Action has been fromk Four Corners down to the bridges and Art has seen catches of up to 20 keepers per boat. Ben Sliney used a killie to take a 4¾ lb. fluke over the weekend. The best fluking has been on outgoing water. Art relayed word too that Capt. George Buzzetta swung by with a 160 lb. mako on Sunday.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** over in Bellmore repeated everyone else's tale of a solid run of blues on the Three Sisters Wreck. Jigs are accounting for the bulk of the daytime action. He described the fluking between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges as decent, but did add that many of the fish are shorts. Snappers beginning to get started at the Jones Beach Piers.

Bass of 43 lbs. and 17½ lbs. taken by George Zipper and Dennis Newman highlighted the week at **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick. The fish were livelined on bunker in the bay. Lots of short fluke providing good action near the Fundy bridge, the golf course and Haunts Creek. Still flounder to be had in Sloop Channel and Swift Creek, but the fishing is becoming a hit and miss proposition with good action one day and slow fishing the next.

Lady Reelers Fishing Club member, Elaine Dougherty of Brentwood, with 2 of the 25 fluke she caught in Great South Bay aboard the Bay Shore open boat "Casey Lee."

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Western South Shore Report

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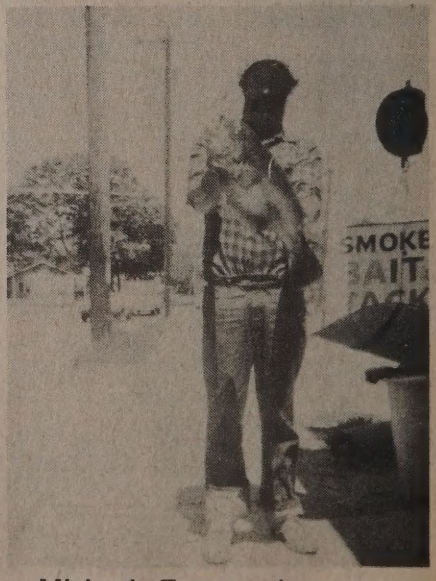
While a lot of the inside fluking was off during the latter park of the week, including the weekend the early week fluking was good and catches of the big flatfish off Riis Park and Playland remained decent. The big news has been the excellent daytime and nighttime bluefishing on the open and charter boats. It's jigging daytime and bait and chum nights for the most part, with of course, the 6-packs doing a lot of wire/umbrella work.

Starting with the **Freeport Fleet,** and speaking to Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al**, we find Friday and Saturday was a super slaughter on 3-8 lb. blues on diamond jigs with the early part of the morning being really frantic. Al says it's been mostly dropping the jig straight to the bottom, taking a couple of turns and the people are into fish. A few bonito mixed in. On Sunday, the skipper saw thousands of bluefish on top at the acid water, but no great catches were made that day, more than likely due to the gusty NE winds. Fish caught had to be squidded, with the jig being rushed along the top of the water. Al's night trips have been good also, fishing Cholera, Three Sisters and the Acid. Saturday night saw 25 men take over 300 bluefish.



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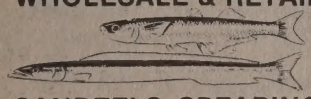

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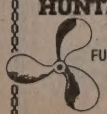

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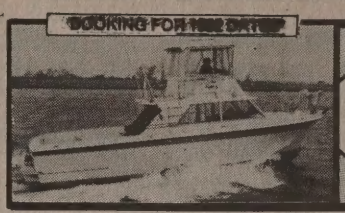

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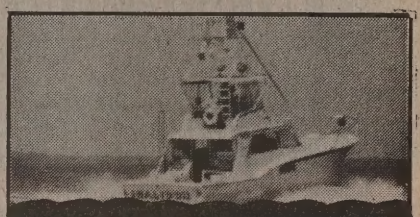

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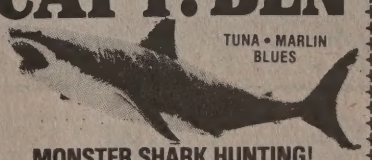

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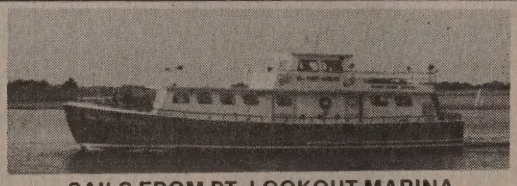

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Fluking was fair until Wednesday reports the **Capt. Andy** and Saturday was fair at Jones Inlet on sand eels, squid and spearing. Thursday and Friday were off.

Captain Joe Musso of the charter boat **Suzanne** on Saturday fished Martin Solomon, Long Beach and pals in the Charvin Shark Tournament. They took 4th place with a 243 lb. mako, winning the Dick Shaw Trophy. They also had a 130 lb. dusky. Joe says that with the warmer water now, his best dates are going fast.

The **Freeport Boatmens Association** reports that its member boats that fluked did not have great numbers of fish this week but did have nice sized fluke. The bluefishing has been very good on diamonds, umbrellas or bait and chum. The **Super Spray II** on its night bluefishning trips has been loading up on blues in the 6 lb. class with pool fish usually running 12-14 lbs. working south of Cholera to the Three Sisters. On Saturday an Association boat **Christy Lee IV** with skipper Frank Cosatore fishing Charlie Rozwell and party took 1st place in the Charvin Shark Tournament with a 430 lb. dusky.

The **Capt. Lou III** called to say that he's been having good fluking off Riis Park all week with big fish of the week a 5½ lb. fluke for Dr. Dave Ryder.

Lou Stalker at **Lou's Fishing Station** passes on the results of his Charvin Shark Tournament Saturday. Ninety-six boats were entered and all sailed. First place, 436 lb. dusky, by Charlie Rozwell on the boat Christy Lee taking $7,200 in prize money. Second Place, 381 lb. thresher, taken by Richie Chesler on the Betty Boop copping $2,880. ⅓rd place, Brian Berwind, aboard the Four Winds with a 343 lb. thresher, good for $1,440. 4th place and a Dick Shaw award was a 245 lb. mako caught aboard the charter boat Suzanne.

Over in Baldwin, Mike at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** passed on the news of Ed Reinish's 33 lb. striper caught off Cedar Beach on a jigged black tube. The fish's belly was full of small crabs. This was Wednesday.

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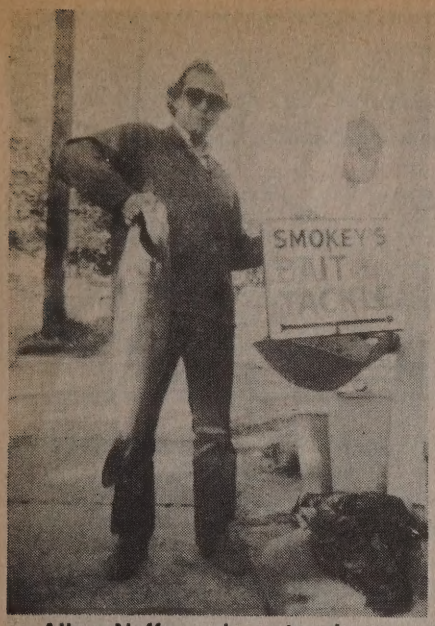

Allen Neff used a strawberry jelly worm to take this 15 lb. tiderunner weak. He was fishing W. Channel at the time and checked the big weak at Smokey's Bait & Tackle in Bay Shore.

Some fluke were brought in all week long, up to 19'' but a lot of shorts were reported. Reynolds channel and Jones Inlet have been best areas. Small blues being trolled in both inlets, fish in the 1-1½ lb. range. These fish are also hitting small Kastmasters and Hopkins. School blues in 40' of water for trollers and larger out at Cholera.

Slightly to the south at Point Lookout, Capt. Ron Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout** tells of all out slaughter bluefishing on his night trips... as many blues as you can pull. Friday and Saturday night saw his fares deck over 600 blues in total in the 4-16 lb. range on bait and chum, just one hour and 5 mins. from the dock. The 2 a day fluke trips were excellent through Wednesday but later in the week slowed down. Thursday mornings trip had 50 keepers, the afternoon 30 keeprs. On Thursday Eric Olson beat the odds with a 5½ lb. pool fluke plus 7 other keepers.

The **Capt. Bill** also sailing two half day fluke trips told of slow to fair fishing during the week and weekend with Friday being the best at Debs, with better numbers and sizes. Keepers ran from 14'' to 3½ lbs. Billy asked us to let you know that he will be sailing for bluefish Fri. and Sat. evenings 6:30 pm to 10:30PM.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** on Tuesday's trip fished Larry Lee and group S/E of the HA taking a 90 lb. tiger and small blue shark, both of which were tagged and released. There were also many bluefish in the slick all day long. Wednesday's trip for Jim Lee and gruop fished the Three Sisters and jigged and trolled bluefish on diamonds. White, black and red colors

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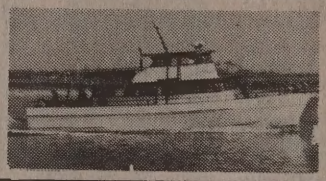

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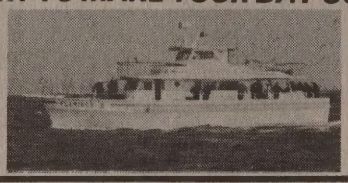

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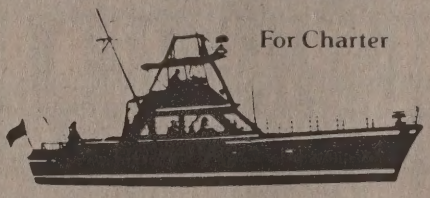

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on the umbrellas was the ticket on anywhere from 100-300' of wire. Thursday's charter for Woolchester Pub, RVC had slaughter bluefishing in the same area, fish 3-6 lbs. Saturday's open shark trip south of the HA saw a good mako lost when he broke a 9/0 rod butt and pulled out the top roller guide. Sunday's fluke charter saw decent fluking in Reynolds and Garrett Lead and some othr back creeks for a total of 250 fluke, 20% of which were keepers. The pool fish ran 3 lbs.. Due to cancellation, July 18 is still open, advised Capt. Dennis. Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told us that Sunday was decent in Reynolds Channel. Two Japanese customers had 16 keeper fluke, 4 of which went over 3 lbs. on sand eels and killies right out in front of the station. John Nicolsen rang the bell with a 75 lb. mako fishing at the HA. Lots of big flounder up to 3½ lbs. in Middle Bay on sand worms and clam. Reynolds is also holding its share of flounder as is the area at the 2nd entrance to the CG station plus Swift Creek. Plenty of blues from Lido to Cholera.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishng Station** told of fair fluking during the week and weekend just concluded. One skiff returned with 30 keepers Sunday from the golf course and another skiff with 20 keepers from the Reynolds channel flats 2 hours all around the high. Buoy 16, 18 and 19 and the mouth of the inlet have had good fluking. Flounders remain good at the CG station with one customer returning with roughly 40 biggies. Good blackfishing at the Meadowbrook Bridge, T Wreck and off the jetties. Marilyn weighed in a 110 lb. mako for Ronnie Remland of Oceanside taken 7 miles south of the HA.

To the west in Island Park, Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** tell of good fluking off Riis park especially Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday was good, but Sunday was spotty due to a wind versus tide situation. Even so, fares were able to

bag 6-7 keepers a man which was a 75 percent keeper ratio off Playland and Riis Park. Fluke are running up to 5 and 6 lbs. with fluke belly working best. Lots of action.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook passed on the news of a 42 lb. striper caught Thursday night under the Atlantic Beach bridge by Lynbrook angler Mike Beauchesne, accompanied by buddy Pat Minore. The bass couldn't resist the live eel Mike floated out. Mike also said he lost a bigger fish that night. The fish was taken on a Penn 722 Spinner and a whippy weakfish stick built by Charlie Beckman. This was Mike's first striped bass fishing attempt. Ken Grym, Valley Stream, age 14, fishing at Grant Park in Hewlett, caught a 4 lb. 3 oz. largemouth bass Wednesday morning on a Mepps spinner. Loads of blue claw crabs in Island Park, Woodmere Park and Bay Park, especially in the canal near Pete's Clam Bar. In the same waters, loads of 1-2 lb. blues are being taken on small Kastmasters.

Further west in Atlantic Beach, Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** advises that 6-9 lb. weakfish are hitting Tiger Tails west of Chapel Hill Channel which is SW of Romer Shoal light. Fluke are being caught off Riis Park, Breezy Point, around the Marine Parkway bridge and at the Warrior buoy on killies and spearing. Blacks being caught on fiddlers and green crabs at the Silver Point jetty. Blues at Debs Inlet and off the Lido Beach hotel and at the Tin Can on trolled umbrellas. On a rough trip at the Canyon Saturday aboard the Four Queens, Emily Siniscalchi took high hook honors. Yellowfin tuna, longfin albacore and a 164 lb. bigeye tuna came aboard on the trip for a total of 23 fish. Bob Corbelli had the bigeye tuna.

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Fluke and blues is the word from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in E. Rockaway. Good fluking off Riis Park and Playland with some fish in the 4-6 lb. range, according to Frank at the shop. Small blues in Debs and Jones Inlets in the morning hours for early rising anglers casting tins. Some porgies at Bay Park and Swift Creek. Great blueclaw crabbing in Bay Park also. Some weaks at the Tin Can, fish 6-10 lbs. on Tiger Tails.

To the west in Jamaica Bay Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach passes the word that lots of porgies are being taken off both North and South Channel bridges on sand worms and clam on both tides. These are hand sized porgies. Bunker chunks fished on the bottom, both tides, are taking a lot of small blues during the days and big blues at night. A few stripers and weaks mixed in. Fluking is improving on both tides with live killies and blueclaw crabs are starting. John Ortiz and Al Figueroa on Sunday scored with weak hitting the scale at 9, 9¼

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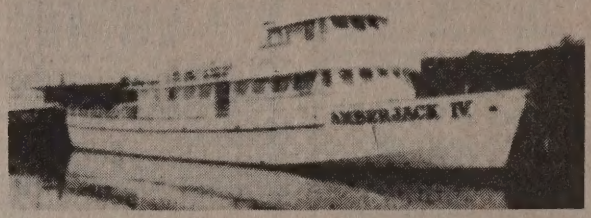

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Jack Atwell and Larry Powell of Sportsman's Cafe in Freeport teamed to take this 45 lb. striper on a live bunker at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Subscriber photo.

and 10½ lbs. on bunker chunks off the south channel bridge just before dawn. Tony Guzzardo hoisted a 10 lb. weak on a diamond jig from his boat fishing between the channels near the north channel bridge. Further to the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** told us that most of the week his head boat had super excellent bluefishing on diamonds. They've been getting in early everyday with excellent catches. Some scattered weaks everyday also, anywhere from 10-40 of them a day in the 5-8 lb. range. Blues have been 1-6 lbers. with a few gorillas to 15 lbs. Really excellent fishing said Walt. Saturday and Sunday were off a bit due to heavy boat traffic but the excellent weekday fishing saw numbers like 40-60 fish per good fisherman. Action is at Seabright, Long Branch, Tin Can, the channels, Sandy Hook, Nortons Point, the islands and more. Weakfish catches are getting more consistent each day.

Steve at **Stella Maris Tackle** tells of good fluking most of this past week on the red side of Ambrose, Tin Can and Coney Island flats on spearing and squid with most fish keepers up to 6 lbs. Blues are being trolled at the Tin Can, the blackside of Ambrose and along Sandy Hook. Fish 3-5 lbs. with a few upto 10 lbs. A few weaks in the early morning and early evening hours on artificials.

Over the bridge in Staten Island, Lenny at **Santos Sport Shop** feels the fishing couldn't be better on fluke, weaks and blues. Lots of 3-5 lb. fluke at Hoffman, and Swinburne Islands to

the Romer Shoals lighthouse to Old Orchard Lighthouse to buoy 20, Princess Bay and buoy 4, Annandale. The area appears paved with fluke, 60 percent keeper ratio. Blues galore in the 2-4 lb. range at Great Kills Harbor, buoy 41, Tottenville, Old Orchard. Loads of fish. Use tins when they're up on top such as Kastmasters. It's tubes or umbrellas if the fish are down deep or at mid-depths. Try chunking for the bottom huggers. Some 8-15 lb. brutes at the VZ bridge and Sound Beach on chunks. Some weakfish averaging 8-12 lbs. at the entrance to Great Kills Harbor and theharbor itself, buoy s 12 and 14 Princess Bay channel, shore line, buoy 4, Annandale on sand worms and bunker chunks. The weaks are swimming below the blues, so you'll have go get down to reach them.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

A mixed bottom fishing bag with fluke, blackfish and flounder was on cap for local anglers, and bass were still abliging for the patient ones. Bluefish were located well to the east.

John's Gun and Tackle spoke of fluke from Sands Point to Oyster Bay with a 50-50 mix of shorts and keepers. Fish were taken on spearing-squid and sandeel/squid combinations. Bass in the 20's were still available for those who fished with chunk bait. Otherwise, the New Rochelle area was dead.

Around City Island, **Jack's** felt that the best bet was still blackfish for the rowboat crowd. Porgies are still worth waiting another week for, and the bluefish have died off. Some folks were still filling buckets with surprisingly nice flounder.

Ed Heilemann told us that the **Ebb Tide II** has been slaughtering mixed sizes of blues by jigging east of Smithtown. Ava's in 4 ounce sizes are best, and fish are 2 to 10 pounds with bonus weakfish thrown in. On Wednesday, Heilemann is fluking off the tin can grounds and in the Coney Island area. Pool fluke ran around 7 pounds. The **North Star** has had some big blackfish in addition to fluke in the bag. Best tautog was 10 pounds and best fluke last week weighed 9.

Dom Cerbone is still hitting the flounder in the Norwalk area with the **Apache** by drifting over broken bottom. Per angler catches on worms runs from 10 fish to 35, depending on how many anglers are aboard. Fish sizes run better than 1½ pounds, and porgies and blackfish mix with the daily catch.

John Casciola at the **Glen Cove**

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Just as the western sound does, the Mid Island area is producing just about everything. Summer migrants are here in force, but the cold waters are keeping the sping fishing very much alive. Blues and weakfish now have top billing, however.

The **Ever Ready** has been going east from Huntington to hit the blues and weaks around the Northport platform. Regulars Dolores Schmitt and George and Judy Shayer posted outstanding catches that included 39 blues and weakfish to 11 pounds. Blues are generally 3 to 7 pounds, and the night trips have been consistently excellent with diamonds before dark. On Saturday, daytime anglers were also treated to a bonanza of 20 blues per angler with a few weaks, and catches for the 4th were also quite good.

On the **Packy IV**, excellent catches for Jerry olsen's party of four and for Pete Piffith and friends were reported as well.

All shops in Huntington Station described fine catches of weakfish and bluefish. George Valentine at **Four Winds** likes 2 to 3 ounce tiger striped jigs for the 3-6 pound blues outside the hot water of the power plant discharges and small tins for the cocktail blues inside. The bod of fish spreads all the way from Eastons to Ashroken, according to Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's**, and, although the bluefish are up and down during the daytime hours, weaks are consistent at night on Rebels and worms. Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop and Tackle** said that umbrella trollers like Larry Burgette found blues and weaks to 9 pounds off Eatons buoy 13 and that Charley Burke caught fluke to 4½ pounds off Whitewood Point. Best bass weighed at reporting stations included Mike Macchiarila's 31 pound fish at **Four Winds**, Eric Thomson's 32 pound Bass at **Huntington Prop**, and Vic Triolo's 42 pound cow at **Ronnie's**.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport was excited about acres of blues in various sizes all along the North Shore. From Kings Park to Northport Bay there were plenty of 1-2 pound fish that could be picked easily on Hopkins and small Kastmasters. One mile off Crab Meadow were larger fish that could be taken on Rebels by easing up to surfacing schools and casting. Five miles out on the Sound were slammers to 10

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pounds but these required some hunting in order to find the schools. Bowman weighed a 13½ pound weakfish at the shop last week.

John Fisher has been running the **Aqua Jem** up to Wading River and Rocky Point in order to work on wall to wall porgies in mixed sizes to 1¼ pounds. A few fluke are mixed in, and overall bottom angling is very good. When weaks and blues bullied up in the Port Jeff zone, Fisher will switch over.

The **Caraftis Station**, was looking at good catches of blackfish off oldfield and Cranes with 2-3 pound blues of Buoy 11. Local weaks are averaging about 6 pounds, but one 12½ pound trophy was weighed in. Lots of shorts are mixed with a few keeper fluke off Mt. Misery Point.

Ralph's at Mt. Sinai enjoyed a pretty good Saturday with catches of porgies, blackfish, blues and fluke in the report. The beach at Miller Place and the shoals off the Pink House are now producing fluke on sandeel-squid combinations. Best catch on Friday was 14 fish, topped by a 5½ pound summer flounder.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** suggested using umbrellas for the blues off Mt. Sinai but feels that the beaches can be fished with tin. Spring bottom fish are stil in the area in large numbers, too, but the ramps are beginning to pack heavily now that word has gotten around.

NORTH FORK

Bluefish make news in the Sound while porgies are breaking open off Gardiners for the party boats. Sound waters may be too cold to support wide spread fluke except around Mattituck inlet where fluking is moderately good, but the spring run of blackfish continues unabated.

Nick Sypress at **Warren's** in Aquebogue described roving schools of 5 to 13 pound blues from Roanoke to Hortons. Fish were anywhere from the beach out to 110 feet of water off buoy 5. Marshall Jackson showed with 18 blues above 8 pounds taken by trolling a red tube on mono. Near the beaches, fluke and stray weaks seem to like a combination of bucktails plus Red Gill teasers. Mattituck Inlet has a mix of blacks, seabass, and lately porgies. A catch of 200 scup was registered by **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** and another haul of over 100 was recorded at the pipeline. Fluking has dropped off with a few larger fish to 6½ pounds in catches that include mostly bare keepers.

Further east on the Sound, porgies tend to be sparce, according to those who have angled east of Hortons. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt Station** saw blacks and flouders as featured fish in East Marion catches and off Pettys. Some short fluke were also mentioned.

The Peconic bays provided good porgy fishing on scup from ¾ to 1½ pounds, according to weekend records at **Captain Marty's**. Roses Grove was good for 30-40 porgies per angler and occasional bonus weakfish to 10¼ pounds on high hooks. Chumming was a must for the best cactches. Blues in cocktail sizes were making a strong showing off buoy 17 during the last 2 hours of incoming water. There are fluke in Southold Bay as far as Goose Creek and weakfish can still be found along the edge of Shelter Island as far east as Deering Harbor.

Art White at the **A. P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport was excited about a porgy haul by Jim Dablis in a skif of Sunday. The three men pulled 180 scup in mixed sizes from Noyac Bay with many fish in the 1-1½ pound size range.

Outstanding catches were made last week on the **Brand X** by porgy anglers using light gear and the **Nancy Ann** was also piling porgies for parties. The most detailed report on the Gardiners Island scene came from Dave Brennan who struck silver with the **Peconic Star** and found a solid load on Saturday. Porgies off Green Hills hit all day long and provided numbers from 10-40 fish per angler. Sizes were medium-large with no pins. Worms were strong for a while before clam bait took over and the

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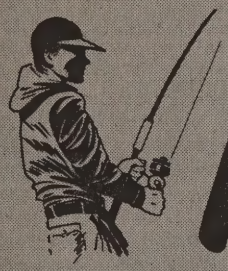

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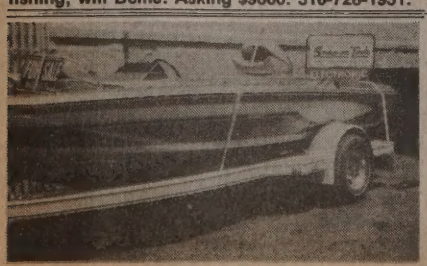

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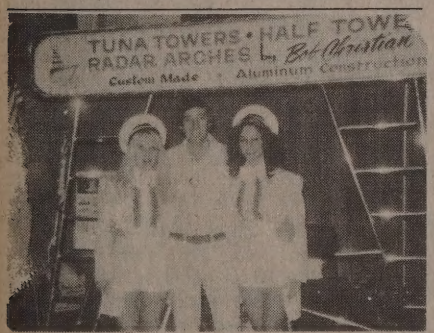

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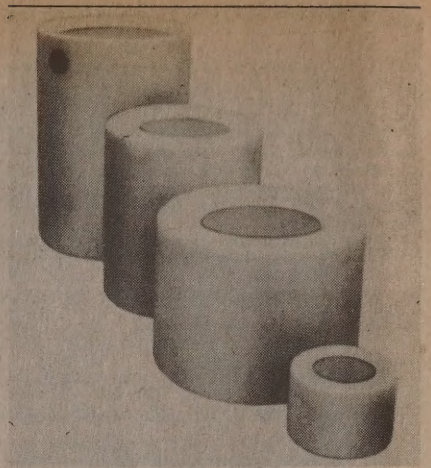

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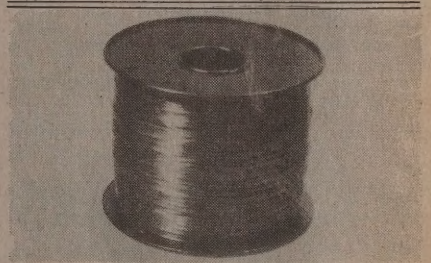

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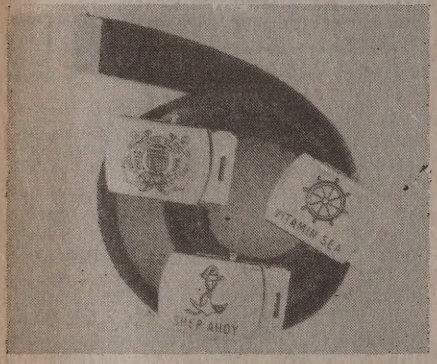

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Surf fishing action around most of the Island this past week was dominated by bluefish, although some very fine weakfish scores were made in widely scattered areas. Bass news was relatively scarce although a few nice fish were taken by some surfmen.

Staten Island continues to shine with its well entrenched bluefish population. According to Lenny Killoran of **Santo's Sport Shop,"** lots of cocktail size blues roam the Island and are making themselves easy marks for casters throwing tins. For bigger choppers up into the teens, Ft. Wadsworth-South Beach have been producing at the bottom of the tide with mackerel or bunker chunks. Fish are not plentiful but they are large. Lenny had a catch of 5 bass from 10-14 lbs. to report. Pete Wellington took the fish on popping plugs 10AM Saturday morning at Cliff Street. A steady pick of school bass on outgoing water at Penny Beach for those fishing bottom with sand worms. Three local surfmen walked into a weakfish blitz at New Dorp on Friday. The trio found a school of weaks that had herded bunker tight to the beach and went on to put away 57 fish in the 8-10 lb. class. Casters fishing bunker chunks after dark continue to take weaks along Great Kills Park. Lenny added that loads of bunker and now spearing are settled in around the Island's Beaches.

Eric Ginsberg of Merrick walked into **Merrick Tackle** with a 25 lb. striper taken last Tuesday evening from the west end jetty on a 3 oz. 'Hopkins. The fish was the only news that Scott at Merrick Tackle had to report.

Over at **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in Seaford, Lon looked over a catch of 12 weaks from 7-8 lbs. made Wednesday night over at Gilgo on sand worms. He added that he has heard little from west end or other area beaches.

Over at **Suffolk Marine Tackle in** Babylon, "Poppy" said he's been spending a little time over at the Thumb without much in the way of results. He did know that casters have been picking away at 12-14 lb. blues on live eels at Gilgo. No word from Fire Island this week and working east to the Southampton area, Tom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** rang a sour note on the beaches in his area. In one word Tom summed up the surf fishing there as "dead."

Out in Mecca, Montauk that is, Johnny Kronuch filled us in on the Shagwong weakfish run which took shape last weekend. John reported that fishing continued very good right up through Wednesday night when one caster managed 10 weaks from 6-11 lbs. Since then, however, he described the action as picky with just 1 or 2 fish for most surfmen. RedFins, yellow or black back along with a Red Gill teaser have been the ticket on these weaks. Some weaks were also taken on Jones and False Bar during the week. A couple of impressive bass were put on the scale Friday night. George Delecki clicked with a 46 lb. cow while Ted Shane managed a 21 lber. Both fish came from the Point but further details were lacking.

Up on the North Shore, Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Tackle Shop** in Huntington Station spoke of some life along local beaches. He knew of blues, weaks and an occasional bass being taken at Mackamah while small blues dominated the scene at Crabmeadow. Also a few weaks being taken on Rebels and TriFin eel worms at Lloyd's Point. Lou Lipira checked into the shop with 9 weaks between 8 and 11 lbs. and 2 bass up to 10 lbs. taken on Rebels from one of the local beaches.

Moving east small blues are reported all over the place in the vicinity of Cedar Beach. This via Stan Henschal of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop.** Most are 1-3 lbs., however, an occasional school of 6-10 lb. fish has been crashing the party. Both tins and popping plugs have been effective but Stan reminded that no fish are showing despite all of the bait in the area. Blind casting has been resulting in most of the action. The Rocky Point shop owner also had word of some bass to the west of Mt. Sinai. He knew of fish to 10 lbs. taken in the area on Rebels and droppers.

Out on the North Fork, Ed Kophak of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue said that blues ranging anywhere from 5-12 lbs. are being picked up along area beaches between Roanoke and Horton's Point. Popping plugs as well as tins fished in conjunction with a dropper are taking the choppers.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6¼ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
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FRI.	10:40	10:50	11:30	11:45	11:35	11:25	–	12:25	1:25	1:55	1:40	2:10	10:45	11:00	7/9
SAT.	11:20	11:30	–	12:15	–	12:15	12:25	1:10	2:00	2:35	2:20	2:50	11:25	11:40	7/10
SUN.	–	12:05	12:25	12:55	12:05	12:55	1:05	1:55	2:45	3:15	3:00	3:30	–	12:15	7/11
MON.	12:15	12:50	1:05	1:45	12:45	1:35	1:55	2:40	3:30	4:00	3:45	4:15	12:25	1:00	7/12
TUE.	1:05	1:40	1:55	2:35	1:30	2:20	2:50	3:30	4:20	4:50	4:35	5:05	1:15	1:55	7/13
WED.	1:55	2:35	2:45	3:30	2:15	3:05	3:45	4:25	5:15	5:45	5:30	6:00	2:10	2:50	7/14
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TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
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Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
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Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
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INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
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Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

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Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

7/9	5:33	8:38
7/10	5:33	8:37
7/11	5:34	8:37
7/12	5:35	8:36
7/13	5:35	8:35
7/14	5:36	8:35
7/15	5:37	8:34

Moonrise/Moonset

7/9	10:52 PM	8:28AM
7/10	11:22 PM	9:28AM
7/11	11:50 PM	10:30AM
7/12	–	11:33AM
7/13	12:18AM	12:38 PM
7/14	12:46AM	1:44 PM
7/15	1:16AM	2:53 PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
7/20	7/27	7/6	7/14

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	7:15	1:05	7:45	1:30
Fri.	8:05	1:55	8:35	2:20
Sat.	8:55	2:45	9:25	3:10
Sun.	9:45	3:35	10:15	4:00
Mon.	10:35	4:25	11:00	4:45
Tues.	11:25	5:15	11:50	5:35
Wed.	—	6:05	12:15	6:30
Thurs.	12:45	6:50	12:55	7:15

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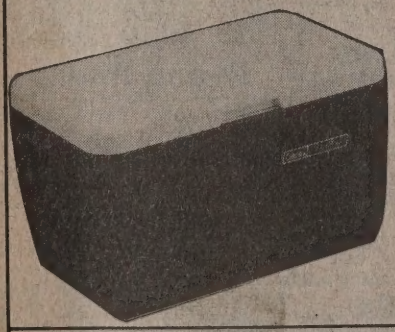

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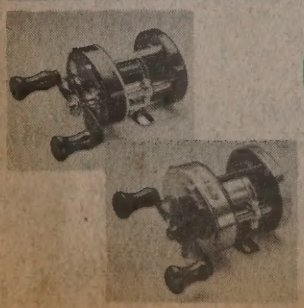

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